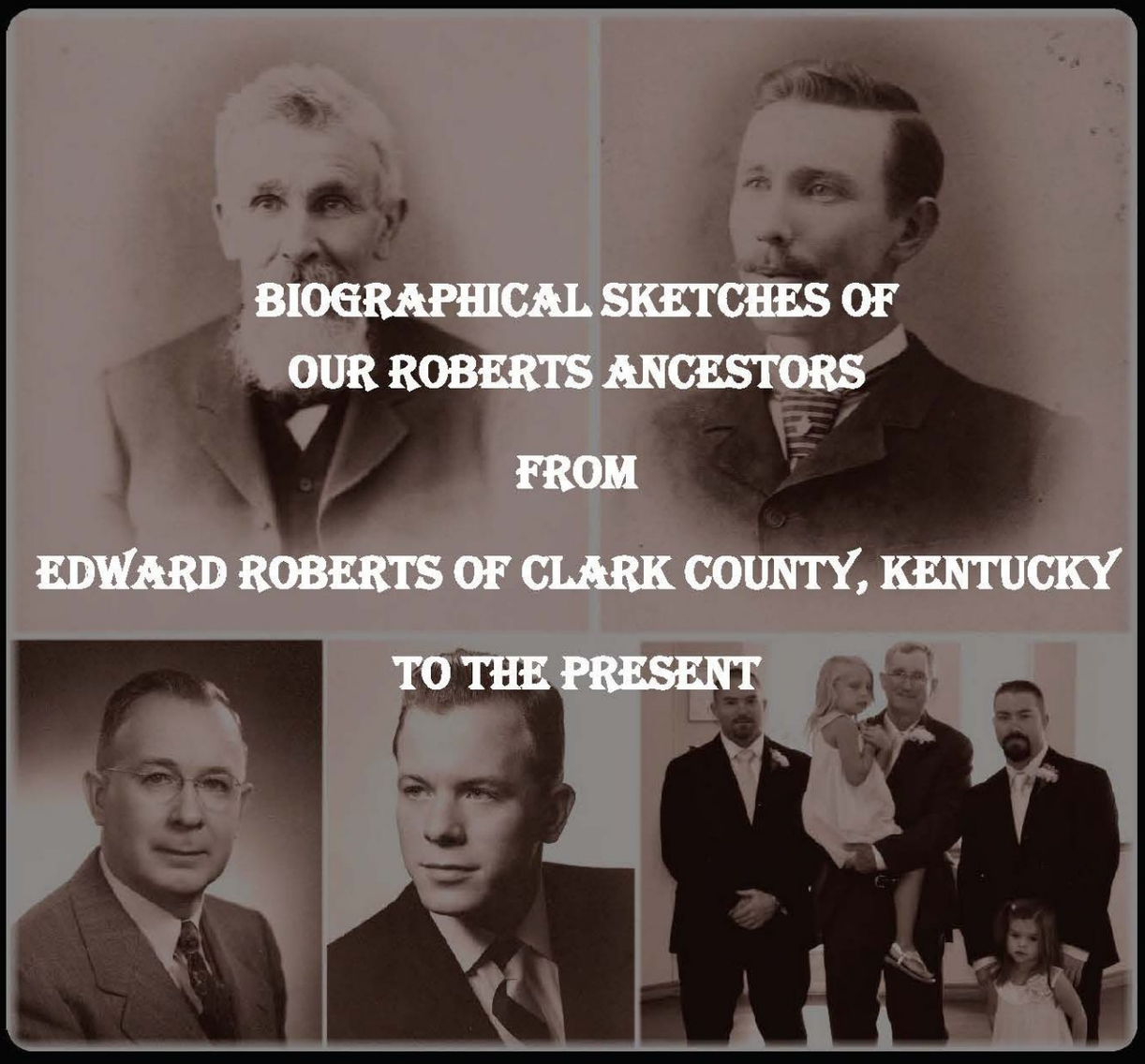
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Front cover: Photo collage of the most recent seven generations of Edward's descendants, from my 2nd great grandfather, William Roberts, to my granddaughters.

Back cover: Marriage bond for the marriage of Edward Roberts and Rosy Stewart, and the consent for Rosy to marry.

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To

Jim, Laura

David, Justin

Trystan, Addison

Emily, Caitlin, and Taylor

I love you!

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The grave, the grave, it buries every error, covers every defect, extinguishes every resentment, and from its peaceful bosom spring none but fond regrets and tender recollections.

From *The Weekly Review* (Crawfordsville, IN), 13 May 1909, pg. 4.

PREFACE

My quest to research my ancestors stems from two questions over the years. My paternal grandmother, Louise (Gay) Roberts (1904-1996), claimed she was related to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, though she never stated how – and I was never inquisitive enough to ask. I had also wondered, since my youth, whether or not we had any Revolutionary War ancestors. In 2015, my wife, Rebecca Ellen (Poston) Roberts, found her first Revolutionary War ancestor on her father's side and that was the spark to finally start a genealogy hobby to answer these questions. The latter was answered quickly – yes! The first Revolutionary War ancestor I discovered is 4th great grandfather, James Christie (1758-1837), from whom I am descended through my Roberts ancestors. Since then, I have positively identified six more, on both paternal and maternal lines. As to the former question, the jury is still out. It is clear my paternal grandmother is not directly descended from Jefferson Davis, nor is he a distant uncle through her Davis ancestors. As of yet, I have found no distant cousin connection. The search will continue, but it is likely my grandmother was mistaken.[1]

Sadly, my immediate Roberts ancestors did not hand down much in the way of written histories nor did they relay many family stories. Even more sad, I wasn't interested enough to ask questions while they were alive. My grandfather, Lloyd William Roberts (1897-1981), had birth, marriage, and death information he transcribed from his parents' family Bible. He also had a letter he had written in 1975 to one of his cousins, providing a bit of family history he remembered from his youth in rural Kansas. That was the extent of original Roberts family records available. In my research, I discovered two other Roberts lineages that connect to mine, but both lack detail and sources. Since the Robertses never were much for genealogy, someone needed to step in to write our history!

On my mother's side, two well-researched family histories exist; however, like many family genealogies, they lack much in the way of source material. Forty-Four Families by Florence Howell "Patience" Pollard was self-published about 1975 and records Mom's paternal Pollard family history. Those From Whom You Came by Olive E. (Smiley) Massie was self-published about 1987 and records Mom's maternal Massie family history. Copies of both are in my possession.

Today's genealogists have a luxury not available until recently – the Internet. What used to take decades of research and considerable expense for travel, copying, and time sitting in dusty archives pouring through old county records, newspapers, or miles of microfilm can be accomplished in the comfort of our homes. This work would not have been possible without that resource; however, as with all written genealogies, ***one must not assume this book is without errors***. Since a family's genealogy can never be finished in the sense there is nothing left to

[1] In a communication with Sharon (Gay) Xavier, daughter of my grandmother's sister, she stated she had never heard of a claim that the Gays were related to Jefferson Davis.

discover, this book should be considered a work in progress – the first time anyone has attempted to bring together in one place, as much documentation of these Roberts ancestors as possible. My hope is, this will be an enduring history for my children, grandchildren, and their descendants for generations to come, as well as the untold number of cousins currently living and yet to be born, who wish to learn about these Roberts ancestors and continue the research.

INTRODUCTION

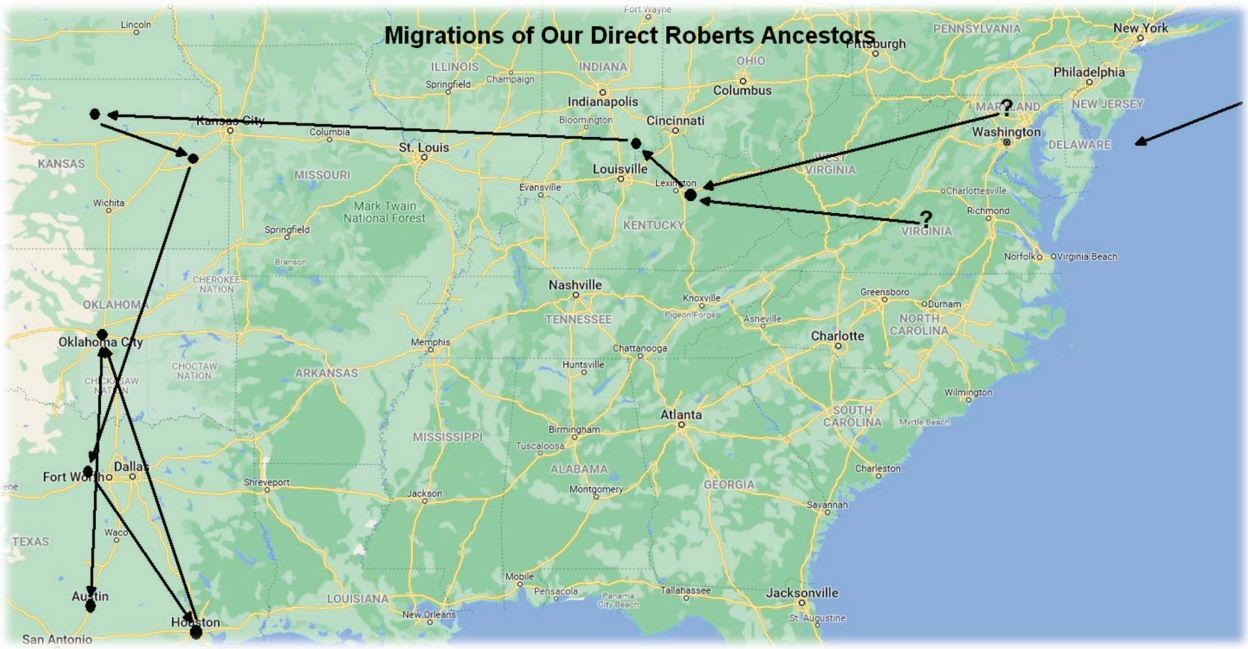
We do not "own" our history; it was freely given to us by the generations that preceded us, and we should, likewise, freely give it to those who follow us. This is my attempt to do so.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, books of local histories with short biographical sketches of prominent people were common. Rarely, however, did the biographies include source information. I adapted the biographical sketch format to tell the stories of these Roberts ancestors in a way I hope honors their legacies – stories of mostly common men and women, love of family, sickness, death, tragedy, and most of all, perseverance. Unlike those local histories, however, this book includes a plethora of documentation. I suppose one can never have too much documentation.

Within this book, you will find biographies of my direct Roberts ancestors (father, grandfather, great grandfather, etc.) as well as their siblings (my aunts/uncles, grandaunts/uncles, great grandaunts/uncles, etc.). Each biography tells the complete story of that ancestor from their birth until their death, and sometimes beyond if records were available. Therefore, you will find much of the early history of siblings is repeated nearly verbatim, with their stories finally diverging into their unique histories generally in their late teens to early 20s. In this way, each biography is as complete as possible and could be extracted without losing any details of that ancestor's story.

Education is a common theme with our ancestors – from 2nd great grandfather, William, who taught school in his younger years, to the present where my sister, Laura Louise (Roberts) Fentem, is a former school teacher and my niece, Emily Elizabeth Aust, currently teaches. All of our 4th generation Roberts ancestors were involved in school – John W. was a truant officer, George Lucas taught at both the high school and college levels, and Isaac Henry taught for many years in Indiana. Additionally, my paternal grandmother, Louise (Gay) Roberts was an elementary school teacher.

The earliest Roberts ancestor I can reliably trace is my 4th great grandfather, Edward, who was born over 240 years ago (bef. 1780). He is first positively identified in Clark County, Kentucky in 1800 when he married Rose Stewart. I have found no definitive record of him prior to 1800. Unsourced Roberts histories and biographical sketches provide conflicting accounts – (1) he was either born in the British Isles in general, or Wales or Yorkshire, United Kingdom in particular, and emigrated to America, possibly with a foster family named Whitam, or (2) he was born in America, possibly in Maryland or Virginia, of Welsh immigrants. Much more research is needed!



After Edward's marriage, the family migrated to Ripley County, Indiana in the late 1810s and from there, his descendants spread out across Indiana, mostly in Ripley, Switzerland, Jefferson and Decatur Counties, as well as Illinois and Iowa. My great grandfather, Isaac Henry Roberts (1863-1950), migrated from Indiana to Kansas in the 1860s and from there, my grandfather, Lloyd William Roberts (1897-1981) migrated to Texas then to Oklahoma. The Robertses have called Oklahoma home since the early 1940s.

Beginning with Edward, there have been nine generations of his descendants, including my children and grandchildren. The first six generations of direct ancestors and their siblings, from Edward to my father, Lloyd William Roberts, Jr. are (with direct ancestors identified in **BOLD**):

Generation 1

1. EDWARD ROBBARDS/ROBERTS – b. bef. 1780, d. bef. 3 May 1830

Generation 2

2. ELIZABETH – b. abt. 1801, d. aft. Aug 1854
3. SARAH – b. 22 Aug 1802, d. 13 Jan 1884
4. JOHN S. ROBERTS – b. 30 Jun 1805, d. 17 Dec 1875
5. ZACHARIAH – b. abt. 1808, d. bef. 1 Jun 1830
6. MARIAH – b. 11 Mar 1811, d. Jul 1884
7. MARANDA – b. 31 Dec 1814, d. 23 Nov 1881
8. MARY – b. abt. 1815, d. bef. Jan 1832
9. EDWARD – b. abt. 1816, d. aft. 1889
10. ELIJAH W. – b. abt. 1816, d. aft. 1880

Generation 3

11. WILLIAM ROBERTS – b. 2 Feb 1827, d. 5 Sep 1891

12. CHARLES – b. 30 Sep 1828, d. 18 May 1906

13. SARAH "SALLIE" ANN – b. 20 Nov 1830, d. 12 Sep 1905

14. JOHN – b. 5 Dec 1832, d. 27 Jan 1922

15. MARANDA – b. 2 Dec 1834, d. 24 Apr 1917

16. JEREMIAH H. – b. 6 Jan 1837, d. 19 Nov 1918

17. EDWARD – b. 7 Aug 1839, d. 15 Feb 1922

18. HENRY S. – b. 17 May 1842, d. 25 Jul 1925

19. DAVID – b. 30 Aug 1845, d. 27 Sep 1892

20. ELLA JANE – b. 7 Aug 1849, d. 7 Aug 1930

21. QUINTILLA – b. 22 Dec 1852, d. 6 Feb 1887

Generation 4

22. JOHN W. – b. 30 Dec 1848, d. 10 Sep 1900

23. [DAUGHTER] – b. abt. 1855, d. bef. 1860

24. GEORGE LUCAS – b. 19 Nov 1860, d. 26 Feb 1941

25. ISAAC HENRY ROBERTS – b. 15 Mar 1863, d. 3 May 1950

Generation 5

26. LLOYD WILLIAM ROBERTS – b. 6 Mar 1897, d. 28 Oct 1981

27. MAX DUANE – b. 9 Sep 1898, d. 31 Dec 1980

Generation 6

28. LLOYD WILLIAM ROBERTS, JR. – b. 7 Mar 1932, d. 22 May 2014

29. MARY LOUISE – b. 14 Oct 1936, d. 1 Sep 1940

Throughout this book, when it is necessary to clarify which individual is being discussed, their name will be followed by a subscript of the individual's Arabic numeral from the above lineage, enclosed in brackets (e.g. Henry S.[18]). When a descendant of Edward is mentioned who is not in this lineage, the name of that individual will be followed by a list of his/her direct ancestors back to Edward. For example, the lineage for Orpha (Roberts) Blount is noted as (*Orpha (Roberts) Blount > Jason Lee Roberts > John Roberts[14] > John S. Roberts[4] > Edward Roberts[1]*).

Images of many of the documents referenced are included in a list of Figures after each individual's biography. Appendices follow the Figures where other information is included that does

not fit easily into the main text, for example transcripts of lengthy documents such as probate records.

Supplemental Information Included

I have also included other family records and information in this book to ensure they are preserved. In Feb 2017, I received a message from Phyllis Codling McLaughlin, owner of Twisted Roots Genealogical Services, 111 Richwood Road, Milton, Kentucky (https://www.twistedrootsresearch.com/). She discovered a photo album for sale in the Lumber Mill Antique Mall, 721 West 1st Street, Madison, Indiana. Through her *Ancestry.com* research of names in the album, she discovered my family tree and contacted me. Based on those names, we determined it was an album of family and friends that likely belonged to Jeremiah H. Roberts[16]! Phyllis received permission from the Mall owner to scan the photographs for the Jefferson County, Indiana Historical Society, and she kindly provided those scans to me. My paternal grandfather also handed down a photo album of family and friends that belonged to his parents, Isaac Henry[25] and Clara Lillian (Shrader) Roberts. Because both of these albums contain the only known photographs of many Roberts ancestors, their spouses and children, Appendix A includes scans of all photographs in the Jeremiah Roberts album and Appendix B includes scans of all photographs in the Isaac and Clara Roberts album.

My paternal grandmother, Louise (Gay) Roberts (1904-1996) handed down original Bible records from her Covey, Davis, and Zilhart ancestors, the oldest of which records the birth of my 4th great grandfather, Joshua Covey, in 1796! Because these original records are quickly deteriorating and one day will be lost forever, scans of each are included in Appendix C.

Finally, due to my interest in the military service of my ancestors, Appendix D contains brief summaries of the military service of direct ancestors, on both paternal and maternal sides, from the French and Indian War to the Civil War.

Layout

Due to its length, this book is divided into two volumes. This Volume 1 includes Generations 1 through 3. Volume 2 includes Generations 4 through 6 and Appendices A through D.

Message of Thanks

This book has been many years in the making and over that time, many people, too many to name individually, have helped me gather the records I needed to document these ancestors. Five have been particularly helpful, performing research, collecting records, and sending them to me. I would like to take this opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to the following:

- Camille Fife with the Jefferson County, Indiana Public Library, 420 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana.

- Cheryl Welch with the Ripley County, Indiana Historical Society, 115 South Washington Street, Versailles, Indiana.
- Brenda Royce with the Bluegrass Heritage Museum, 217 South Main Street, Winchester, Kentucky.
- Phyllis Codling McLaughlin, owner of Twisted Roots Genealogical Services. Without her desire and tenacity to research names in the Jeremiah Roberts photo album to find me, I would not have received scans of the photographs in the album before it was sold and possibly lost forever.
- A 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. She provided me with copies of records she obtained many years ago documenting Roberts family lineages, as well as old family photographs, and was a constant cheerleader during this project.

Finally, I must thank my far-better half, Rebecca (Poston) Roberts whose research started me down this path and who graciously gave me the time and encouragement to pursue this effort for the past seven years. Thank you, sweetheart. You have no idea how much I love you!

Generation 1

1. EDWARD ROBBARDS/ROBERTS (b. bef. 1780, d. bef. 3 May 1830)



Signature from Edward Roberts & Rosy Stewart's marriage bond.

Birth: bef. 1780.

Marriage & children: 27 Feb 1800 to Rose Stewart in Clark County, Kentucky (b. aft. 1779; d. aft. Jan 1832).

- Elizabeth Roberts
  - b. abt. 1801 in Kentucky, likely in Clark County.
  - m. 27 Oct 1825 to Jesse Cole in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1771; d. bef. 25 Jul 1857 in Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. aft. Aug 1854.
- Sarah Roberts
  - b. 22 Aug 1802 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - m. William Miles 6 Jul 1826 in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1805 in Kentucky; d. abt. 1850).
  - d. 13 Jan 1884 in Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.
- John S. Roberts
  - b. 30 Jun 1805 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - m. Jane Salyers, abt. 1826 (b. 3 Oct 1906 in Kentucky; d. 7 Mar 1880 in Shelby Twp., Jefferson County, Indiana).
  - d. 17 Dec 1875 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
- Zachariah Roberts
  - b. abt. 1808 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - d. bef. Nov 1831, likely in Ripley County, Indiana.
- Mariah Roberts
  - b. 11 Mar 1811 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - m. 28 Aug 1828 to Benjamin Shepherd in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1810 in Kentucky; d. 4 Oct 1863).
  - d. Jul 1884 in Indiana.
- Maranda Roberts
  - b. 31 Dec 1814 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - m. 19 Jun 1836 to David Harrison Blunk in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. 26 Oct 1811 in Henry County, Kentucky; d. 20 May 1902 in Granby, Newton County, Missouri).
  - d. 23 Nov 1881, likely in Missouri.
- Mary Roberts
  - b. abt. 1815 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - d. bef. Jan 1832, likely in Ripley County, Indiana.

- Edward Roberts
  - b. abt. 1816 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - m. 16 Mar 1837 to Susanna Fallis in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. abt. 1808 in Kentucky; d. aft. 1889).
  - d. aft. 1889.
- Elijah W. Roberts
  - b. abt. 1816 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.
  - m. 2 Aug 1838 to Nancy A Voyles in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. abt. 1822 in Indiana; d. bef. 1880).
  - d. aft. 1880.

Death: bef. 3 May 1830 in Ripley County, Indiana.

Edward's Birth and History Prior to His Marriage

Fourth great grandfather Edward Roberts is the earliest Roberts ancestor I can reliably document; however, his birth and history prior to his marriage in 1800 are a mystery. Even his full name is somewhat of a mystery.

The precise date and place of Edward's birth are not known. Unsourced records state Edward was either born in the British Isles in general, or Wales or Yorkshire, United Kingdom in particular, and emigrated to America, possibly with a foster family named Whitam, or was born in America, possibly in Maryland or Virginia, of Welsh immigrants.

The book, A Genealogical and Biographical Record of Decatur County, Indiana includes a biographical sketch of Edward's great grandson, George Lucas Roberts[24]. It states that George "is of Scotch-Welsh descent" and that "[h]is grandfather, John Roberts, came with two brothers from Wales to this country when children…" George's grandfather is John S. Roberts[4], who was born in 1805 in Kentucky, not Wales. Since the book was published nearly 100 years after John's birth and 25 years after his 1875 death, facts could have become a bit fuzzy. Might the author have confused John S. Roberts[4] with his father, Edward[1], as the one who came to America with two brothers from Wales?[1]

The book, Biographical & Historical Souvenier of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott, & Washington Counties, Indiana, includes a biographical sketch for Edward Roberts[17], a grandson of Edward[1]. That sketch states that a **Nathan Roberts** is Edward's[17] grandfather and was a native of Maryland. No source information is given; however, the sketch states the parents of Edward[17] are John S. Roberts[4] and Jane Salyers, which is correct. Could 4th great grandfather Edward's[1] full name be Nathan Edward or Edward Nathan Roberts, and could he have been born in Maryland?[2]

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[1] See Figure 24.1. 1900 Biographical Sketch of George Lucas Roberts[24].
[2] See Figure 17.1. 1889 Biographical Sketch of Edward Roberts[17].

In 1946, Orpha B. (Roberts) Blount (*Orpha (Roberts) Blount > Jason Lee Roberts > John Roberts[14] > John S. Roberts[4] > Edward Roberts[1]*) wrote a Roberts family history for a family reunion in that year. Her history states that "one, ***thought to be named***, [emphasis added] Edward Roberts came to this country from the British Isles with his foster parents by the name of Whitam." Researching Orpha's history is complicated by the fact that no source information is provided, foster parents are involved, and no approximate timeframe for Edward's immigration is given.[3]

There is one other written family history I am aware of that includes information about Edward. A manuscript titled Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979 by Norman Jean Holland (*Norma Jean Holland > Hester Violet Liggett > Emma L. Winkley > Sarah Martha Roberts > Edward Roberts[9] > Edward Roberts[1]*) includes information about Edward[1], his wife Rosy, and their nine children.[4]

There are also census records to add to the mystery. The 1820 census for Ripley County, Indiana (the first census in which Edward[1] and his family are shown in Indiana) notes that no members of the household were foreign born, suggesting Edward was born in America. In 1880, the census form included entries for the location of birth for both the individual enumerated and his/her parents. Three of Edward's children are reflected in that census. The census for two children, Sarah[3] and Mariah[6], show their father's place of birth as Maryland. The census for Maranda[7] shows her father's place of birth as Virginia.[5,6]

In June 2019 I exchanged email correspondence with John Harlan, a grandson of Orpha (Roberts) Blount and currently living in Des Moines, Iowa. He stated Edward was originally from Yorkshire in the northern part of the United Kingdom and that this conclusion is based on research from another descendant of Edward, Charles Lowell Roberts (*Charles Lowell Roberts > Guy L. Roberts > Jason Lee Roberts > John Roberts[14] > John S. Roberts[4] > Edward Roberts[1]*) when he visited England prior to his death in search of our Roberts origins.[7]

The first definitive record of Edward is his marriage on 27 Feb 1800 to Rosy Stewart, a daughter of Revolutionary War veteran Charles Stewart, in Clark County, Kentucky. The marriage bond and consent identify him as Edward Robbards, while the marriage registration identifies him as Edward Roberts. The different surnames add an additional layer of intrigue. If he immigrated to America, did he arrive with the surname Robbards, which he then changed to Roberts?[8,9]

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[3] Figure 1.1. "Family History," by Orpha (Roberts) Blount.
[4] Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.
[5] Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[6] See Figure 3.11, Figure 6.11, and Figure 7.13. 1880 United States Federal Census reflecting Sarah[3], Mariah[6], and Maranda[7], respectively.
[7] In Sep 2020, I contacted Charles' daughter to see if any records of the trip still existed. She spoke with her mother, who stated she still had those records. Efforts at additional communication with her or her husband, however, were futile. In subsequent message exchanges with Charles' son in Jun 2021, he stated that there are no records of his father's visit.
[8] Figure 1.4. Edward Robbards[1] & Rosey Steward Marriage Bond and Consent.
[9] Figure 1.5. Edward Roberts[1] & Rosy Stewart Marriage Registration.

The marriage records provide the best clue about Edward's birth year. At the time of Edward's and Rosy's marriage, Kentucky statutes required consent of the father or guardian if either party was under 21 years of age. Rosy obtained consent for the marriage from her father, while it appears Edward did not obtain consent. Additionally, Edward signed the marriage bond, something he could not have done if he were not of age. These facts suggest Edward was at least 21 years of age and thus was born before 1780.[10]

Edward's and Rosy's Life

Kentucky census records for 1800 have been lost; however, tax records show that Edward paid taxes in Clark County in 1800, as did many other Robertses/Robbards. This is part of the difficulty tracing Roberts ancestors – it's not that uncommon a surname. Might any of these individuals be kin to Edward? As of this writing, I have not been able to make any connection. As previously noted, one unsourced record states Edward came to America with a foster family named Whitam. Interestingly, this same tax list includes a James Whitham in Clark County.[11,12,13]

Edward and Rosy began building their family shortly after their marriage, and by the 1810 Clark County census, his family had grown to seven, identified in the census as follows:[14]

- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

On 12 Jul 1819, Edward purchased 160 acres of land in the NW/4 of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 11 East, Ripley County, Indiana pursuant to the Land Act of 1796, and the 1820 census shows that Edward and his family had migrated to that county, with nine children at home.[15,16,17]

The "Act providing for the Sale of the Lands of the United States, in the territory northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river" (The Land Act of 1796) provided for the sale of public lands within the Northwest Territory and above the Kentucky River. The Northwest Territory was established by Congress in 1787 and spanned all or parts of what would eventually become the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The area "above the mouth of the Kentucky River" was in an area that became Indiana Territory in 1800 and the State of Indiana in 1816.

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])

[10] Figure 1.6. Excerpt from 1810 Kentucky Statutes.
[11] Wikipedia, *1800 United States Census* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1800_United_States_Census, accessed 18 Dec 2021). Citing: Dollarhide, William, The Census Book: A Genealogists Guide to Federal Census Facts, Schedules and Indexes. HeritageQuest, North Salt Lake, Utah, 2001, p. 8.
[12] Figure 1.7. 1800 Clark County, Kentucky Tax List – Edward Roberts[1].
[13] Figure 1.8. 1800 Clark County, Kentucky Tax List – James Whitham.
[14] Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky.
[15] Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[16] Figure 1.11. Edward Roberts[1] Ripley County Property.
[17] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.

- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

This census also includes four additional columns: number of foreigners not naturalized; number of persons, including slaves, engaged in agriculture; number of persons engaged in commerce; and number of persons engaged in manufacturing. Edward's household shows three persons engaged in agriculture. Who might these be since Edward is the only adult male in the household? The instructions for the 1820 census state that this column is to count only those individuals engaged by actual occupation, not minor children or those too old to engage in such activity. This appears to eliminate any of Edward's children as they were all minors. When Indiana became a state in 1816, its Constitution prohibited slavery, though slavery persisted. Even after an Indiana State Supreme Court decision in 1820 freed all slaves, census records up to 1840 continued to show slaves within the state. Does this entry in the 1820 census indicate Edward owned at least two, or possibly three, slaves?[18,19,20]

The census also shows no one in the household was an *unnaturalized* (emphasis added) foreign-born citizen. Given that some Roberts family histories identify Edward's place of birth as the British Isles, what might this suggest? Either the Roberts histories are incorrect and Edward was born in the United States, or Edward became a naturalized United States citizen prior to 1820, probably upon reaching adulthood. More research is needed.

On 3 Jun 1826, eighteen people met in the home of James Christie in Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana to discuss forming a church and developing Articles of Faith. The church was to be called "The Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at the West Fork of Indian-Kentucky." Assistance in forming the church was requested from Middle Fork of Indian-Kentucky. The first official meeting of the Church was held 15 Jul 1826, at which the Articles of Faith were adopted. Edward's wife, Rosy, was one of those founding members at the Jun 3rd meeting. Church meetings were held at private homes until 1831, when a log church was built. The original stone structure was built in 1849.[21,22,23]

Edward's will is dated 26 Dec 1826 and was witnessed by John D. Salyers and David Shepherd. Executors are James Christie and Jacob Overturf. He identifies his heirs as his "beloved wife, Rosy" and names his nine children: Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], John[4], Zachariah[5], Mariah[6], Maranda[7],

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[18] United States Census Bureau, 1820 census (https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/index_of_questions/1820_1.html, accessed 18 Dec 2021).
[19] United States Census Bureau, 1820 Census Instructions to Enumerators (https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1820/1820-instructions.html, accessed 18 Dec 2021).
[20] Bibbs, Rebecca R., "Historical Timeline of Slavery in Indiana. *The Herald Bulletin* (Anderson, IN), 2 Feb 2020 (https://www.heraldbulletin.com/news/historical-timelineof-slavery-in-indiana/article_c23afd0e-44bc-11ea-a869-03f85fa74e58.html, accessed 13 Oct 2021).
[21] James Christie is a 3rd great granduncle (*Jon Alan Roberts > Lloyd William Roberts, Jr.[28] > Lloyd William Roberts[26] > Isaac Henry Roberts[25] > Sarah L. Christie > Isaac Christie, brother of James Christie*).
[22] Figure 1.12. West Fork Baptist Church – Minutes of the 3 Jun 1826 Meeting.
[23] Jerman, Ed. C., History and Directory of Ripley County, Republican Print, Versailles, Indiana, 1888. Indiana State Library Digital Collections, Indianapolis, Indiana. (https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p1819coll6, Indiana Historical Print Collection > Ripley > History and Directory of Ripley County : accessed 18 Dec 2021).

Mary[8], Edward[9], and Elijah[10]. His will directs that daughter Elizabeth is to receive one dollar from his estate. Rosy is to receive one-third of the estate with the balance divided equally among the other children. Should both Edward and Rosy pass away before the children all receive their education, then the estate is to be used for that purpose. Once the children are educated, what is left is to be divided among the children.[24]

Edward's precise date of death is not known; however, it was before 3 May 1830, as on that date the witnesses to his will, John D. Salyers and David Shepherd, proved his will in court. It is reasonable to presume his death was in Ripley County, Indiana, probably in Apr 1830. On 20 May 1830, the executors published notice in the *Madison Republican* newspaper asking anyone with debts to Edward or claims against the estate to come forward and announcing a public sale of Edward's property on 10 Jun 1830. Additional notices ran the following two weeks, on May 27th and Jun 3rd. His estate was inventoried and appraised on 4 Jun 1830 for $267.90.[25,26,27]

The estate sale was held as scheduled on 10 Jun 1830 and on 4 Aug 1830, a record of the sale was filed with the Ripley County Probate Court. The order for distribution of the sales proceeds was issued during the Nov 1831 term of the Court. The estate sale netted the estate $158.32 and was distributed to Edward's widow, Rosy; the executors; the court clerk; Edward's daughter Elizabeth "Cole"[2] received her $1.00; and the other children (Sarah "Miles"[3], John[4], Maranda[7], Mariah[6], Mary[8], Edward[9], and Elijah[10]) were to receive $14.62 each. Son Zachariah[5] is not identified as having received his inheritance, nor is he listed as having purchased anything from the estate sale. It is possible he had passed away sometime between Dec 1826 when the will was written and Nov 1831 when the court disbursed the proceeds of the sale.[28,29]

During this same term, the Court appointed "John Roberts" guardian of the "infant heirs" Edward[9] and Elijah[10], with William Miles providing security. William is Sarah's[3] husband. While the Probate minute does not state John's relationship to the minor children, it is safe to presume he is their brother. Another probate minute from the Nov 1831 term distributes daughter Mary's[8] proportion of the estate to her mother, Rose, because Mary had "departed this life." Finally, we find that James Christie and Jacob Overturf were discharged as executors of Edward's will during this term.[30,31,32,33]

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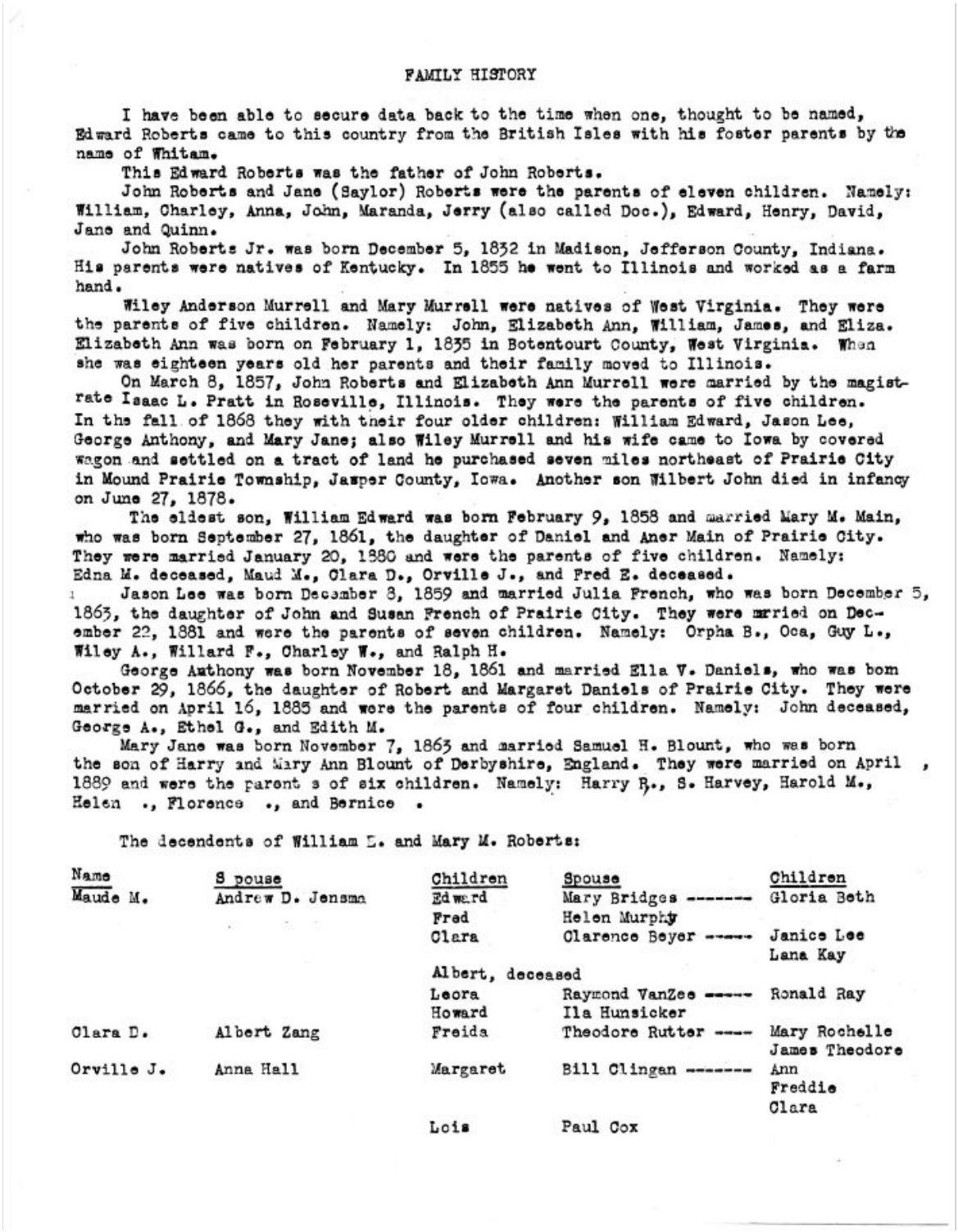
[24] Figure 1.13. Edward Roberts[1] Will.
[25] Figure 1.14. Edward Roberts[1] Will Proven.
[26] Figure 1.15. Newspaper Clipping – Executors' Notice and Public Sale.
[27] Figure 1.16. Edward Roberts[1] Estate Inventory and Appraisal.
[28] Figure 1.17. Edward Roberts[1] Estate Sale.
[29] Figure 1.18. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Order of Distribution.
[30] In legal terminology of the era, "infant" meant an individual who had not reached the age of majority.
[31] Figure 1.19A. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Appointment of Guardian.
[32] Figure 1.19B. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Distribution of Mary Roberts[8] Inheritance. Based on other information in this record, which is not included in the image, it appears this probate minute was written in Jan 1832, placing Mary's death prior to then. This is also a good place to note that after this probate minute, I have not found any record of Edward's wife, Rose. So, while Rose's exact date of death is unknown, we do know it was after Jan 1832.
[33] Figure 1.19C. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Discharge of Executors.

Edward's estate was fully closed on 10 Apr and 19 Aug 1837 respectively, when Edward[9] and Elijah[10] received their share of their father's estate from their brother, John, apparently upon having reached the age of majority. Edward received $47 and Elijah received $55. John was subsequently released from guardianship in Aug 1841.[34,35]

[34] Figure 1.20. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Edward[9] and Elijah W. Roberts[10] Estate Settlements.
[35] Figure 1.21. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – John Roberts[4] Release from Guardianship.

Figure 1.1 (3 pages)

"Family History" by Orpha Roberts Blount



FAMILY HISTORY

I have been able to secure data back to the time when one, thought to be named, Edward Roberts came to this country from the British Isles with his foster parents by the name of Whitam.

This Edward Roberts was the father of John Roberts.

John Roberts and Jane (Saylor) Roberts were the parents of eleven children. Namely: William, Charley, Anna, John, Maranda, Jerry (also called Doc.), Edward, Henry, David, Jane and Quinn.

John Roberts Jr. was born December 5, 1832 in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana. His parents were natives of Kentucky. In 1855 he went to Illinois and worked as a farm hand.

Wiley Anderson Murrell and Mary Murrell were natives of West Virginia. They were the parents of five children. Namely: John, Elizabeth Ann, William, James, and Eliza. Elizabeth Ann was born on February 1, 1835 in Botentourt County, West Virginia. When she was eighteen years old her parents and their family moved to Illinois.

On March 8, 1857, John Roberts and Elizabeth Ann Murrell were married by the magistrate Isaac L. Pratt in Roseville, Illinois. They were the parents of five children. In the fall of 1868 they with their four older children: William Edward, Jason Lee, George Anthony, and Mary Jane; also Wiley Murrell and his wife came to Iowa by covered wagon and settled on a tract of land he purchased seven miles northeast of Prairie City in Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa. Another son Wilbert John died in infancy on June 27, 1878.

The eldest son, William Edward was born February 9, 1858 and married Mary M. Main, who was born September 27, 1861, the daughter of Daniel and Aner Main of Prairie City. They were married January 20, 1880 and were the parents of five children. Namely: Edna M. deceased, Maud M., Clara D., Orville J., and Fred E. deceased.

Jason Lee was born December 8, 1859 and married Julia French, who was born December 5, 1863, the daughter of John and Susan French of Prairie City. They were mrried on December 22, 1881 and were the parents of seven children. Namely: Orpha B., Oca, Guy L., Wiley A., Willard F., Charley W., and Ralph H.

George Anthony was born November 18, 1861 and married Ella V. Daniels, who was born October 29, 1866, the daughter of Robert and Margaret Daniels of Prairie City. They were married on April 16, 1885 and were the parents of four children. Namely: John deceased, George A., Ethel G., and Edith M.

Mary Jane was born November 7, 1863 and married Samuel H. Blount, who was born the son of Harry and Mary Ann Blount of Derbyshire, England. They were married on April , 1889 and were the parent s of six children. Namely: Harry B., S. Harvey, Harold M., Helen ., Florence ., and Bernice .

The decendents of William L. and Mary M. Roberts:

Name	S pouse	Children	Spouse	Children
Maude M.	Andrew D. Jensma	Edward	Mary Bridges -------	Gloria Beth
		Fred	Helen Murphy	
		Clara	Clarence Beyer ------	Janice Lee
				Lana Kay
		Albert, deceased		
		Leora	Raymond VanZee -----	Ronald Ray
		Howard	Ila Hunsicker	
Clara D.	Albert Zang	Freida	Theodore Rutter ----	Mary Rochelle
				James Theodore
Orville J.	Anna Hall	Margaret	Bill Clingan -------	Ann
				Freddie
				Clara
		Lois	Paul Cox	

Blount, Orpha B. (Roberts). Written about 1946 for a Roberts family reunion, likely held in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. Received from a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. She received it in the late 1960s from a Roberts descendant in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.

The decendents of Jason L. and Julia Roberts:

Name	Spouse	Children	Spouse	Children
Orpha B.	Samuel Blount	Wilbur, deceased		
		Jason	Ruby Cooper	
		Julia	Ellis Harlan	Mary Ruth John David Jane Ann
Ora	Walter Wilkinson	Leone	Arnold May ----------	Richard Lee Dennis Arnold
		W. Loren	Ada Eubank ----------	Loren Allan Hollis Dean Mary Jane
		Naomi	Dudley Scott --------	Donna Lou James Dudley
		J. Robert	Helen Webb	
Guy L.	Florence Wilson	Cyrene	Neal Stillwell -----	Mira Evalina
		John		
		Ruth	Karl Putt ----------	
		Wilbur	Pricilla ----	Duane Janet
		Wilma	Robert Fletcher ----	
		Julia		
		Howard		
		Carroll		
		Orpha		
		Charles		
Wiley A.	Lela Berkenbosch	Infant son deceased		
Willard F.	Mary Seiberling	Francis	Miriam -------	Michael Francis
		Vera	John McKinnon ------	John Quincy Thomas Roberts
		Erma	Robert Parker ------	Terrance Alan
Charley W.	Katharine Riley	Riley	Barbara Moon -------	Forrest Dean
		Helene		
		Edward		
Ralph H.	Mabel Riley	Raymond	Mary VanEkeren -----	Frances Elaine
		Harold	Betty Robinson	
		Louise		
		Gladys		

The decendents of George A. and Ella Roberts:

George A.	Irene DeBruyn			
Ethel G.	Bert Robison	Ruby	George DeMoss ------	Deloris Ronald Judith Larry
Edith M.	Alfred Luck	Edward McMurray (by former marriage)		

The decendents of Mary Jane and Samuel H. Blount:

Name	Spouse	Children	Spouse	Children
Harry R.	Marian Olney	Samuel	Mary McMullin	
		Robert	Patricia Duffy	-----Katherine
S. Harvey	Eiffiline			
Harold	Maude Baker	Murrel	Florence Deyer	---- Judith Kay
		Marvin	Phyllis Roach	
Helen	Joe Cannon	deceased		
		Louise		
Florence	Southard Whiting	Southard		
		Richard		
Bernice	Charles Cutler	Charles		

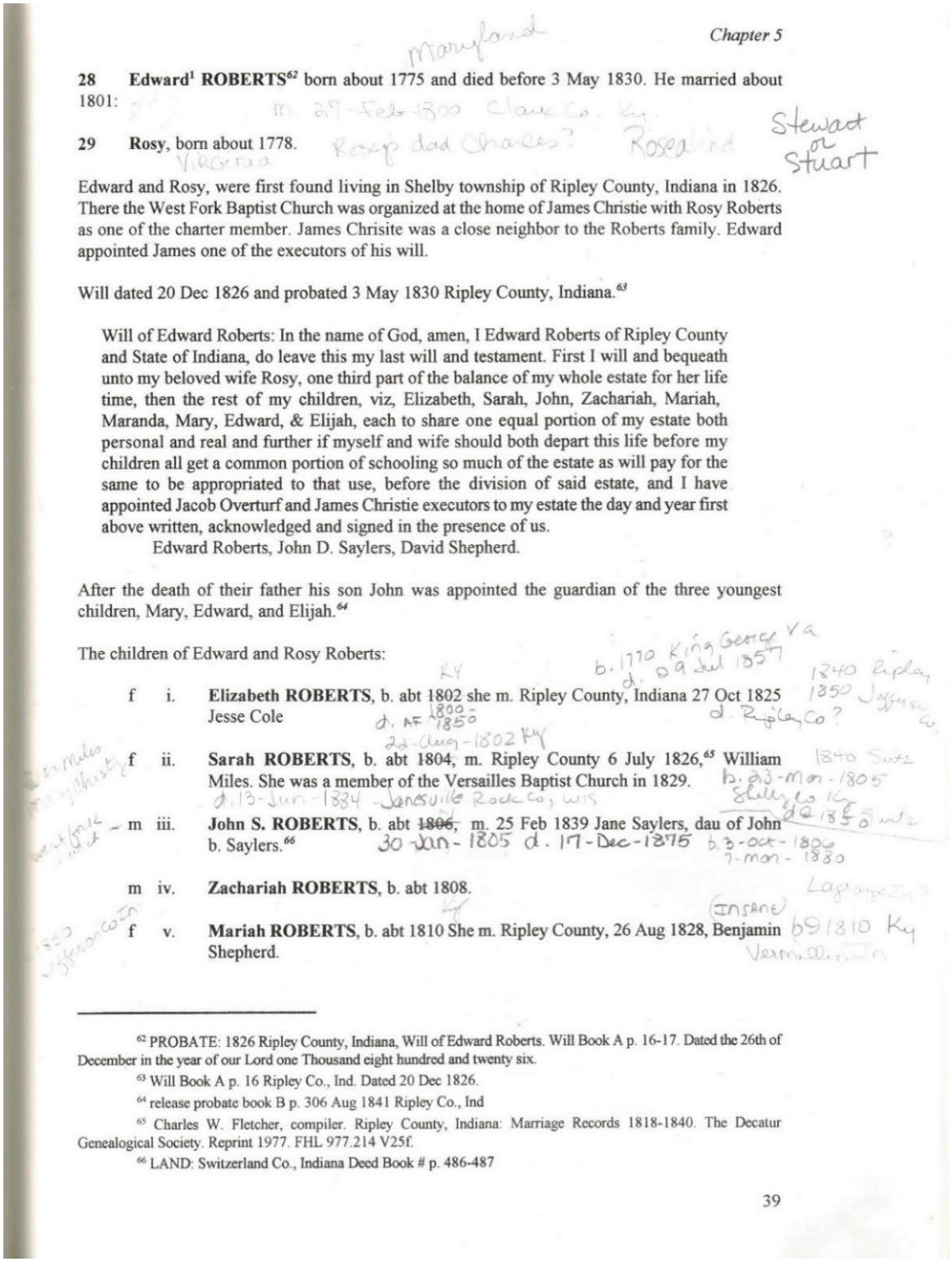
Deaths prior to 1946 meeting:

Elizabeth Ann Roberts died February 2, 1917.
Julia Roberts died November 28, 1917.
Ella Roberts died January 17, 1922.
John Roberts died January 27, 1922.
Samuel H. Blount died June 29, 1935.
William E. Roberts died July 6, 1935.
George A. Roberts died April 18, 1939.
Jason L. Roberts died May 26, 1940.
Albert Zang died February 17, 1944.
Willard F. Roberts died August 1, 1943.
Mary M. Roberts died November 29, 1945.

-----Orpha Roberts Blount, Secretary and Historian

Figure 1.2 (2 pages)

Excerpt from <u>Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett 1904-1979</u>



28 Edward[1] ROBERTS[62] born about 1775 and died before 3 May 1830. He married about 1801:

29 Rosy, born about 1778.

Edward and Rosy, were first found living in Shelby township of Ripley County, Indiana in 1826. There the West Fork Baptist Church was organized at the home of James Christie with Rosy Roberts as one of the charter member. James Chrisite was a close neighbor to the Roberts family. Edward appointed James one of the executors of his will.

Will dated 20 Dec 1826 and probated 3 May 1830 Ripley County, Indiana.[63]

> Will of Edward Roberts: In the name of God, amen, I Edward Roberts of Ripley County and State of Indiana, do leave this my last will and testament. First I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rosy, one third part of the balance of my whole estate for her life time, then the rest of my children, viz, Elizabeth, Sarah, John, Zachariah, Mariah, Maranda, Mary, Edward, & Elijah, each to share one equal portion of my estate both personal and real and further if myself and wife should both depart this life before my children all get a common portion of schooling so much of the estate as will pay for the same to be appropriated to that use, before the division of said estate, and I have appointed Jacob Overturf and James Christie executors to my estate the day and year first above written, acknowledged and signed in the presence of us.
> Edward Roberts, John D. Saylers, David Shepherd.

After the death of their father his son John was appointed the guardian of the three youngest children, Mary, Edward, and Elijah.[64]

The children of Edward and Rosy Roberts:

f i. **Elizabeth ROBERTS**, b. abt 1802 she m. Ripley County, Indiana 27 Oct 1825 Jesse Cole

f ii. **Sarah ROBERTS**, b. abt 1804, m. Ripley County 6 July 1826,[65] William Miles. She was a member of the Versailles Baptist Church in 1829.

m iii. **John S. ROBERTS**, b. abt ~~1806~~, m. 25 Feb 1839 Jane Saylers, dau of John b. Saylers.[66]

m iv. **Zachariah ROBERTS**, b. abt 1808.

f v. **Mariah ROBERTS**, b. abt 1810 She m. Ripley County, 26 Aug 1828, Benjamin Shepherd.

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[62] PROBATE: 1826 Ripley County, Indiana, Will of Edward Roberts. Will Book A p. 16-17. Dated the 26th of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

[63] Will Book A p. 16 Ripley Co., Ind. Dated 20 Dec 1826.

[64] release probate book B p. 306 Aug 1841 Ripley Co., Ind

[65] Charles W. Fletcher, compiler. Ripley County, Indiana: Marriage Records 1818-1840. The Decatur Genealogical Society. Reprint 1977. FHL 977.214 V25f.

[66] LAND: Switzerland Co., Indiana Deed Book # p. 486-487

Holland, Norma Jean, <u>Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979</u>. © 1998. Provided to me in a 9 Nov 2017 email from a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. She stated the margin notes are by another genealogical researcher named Cindy Ball.

f vi. ~~**Miranda**~~ **ROBERTS**, b. abt 1812, m. Switzerland County, 13 June 1836, David H. Blunk.[67]

f vii. **Mary ROBERTS**, b. abt 1814, m. Ripley County, 5 May 1840, James H. Prather. (License only, with no return)

14 m viii. **Charles Edward ROBERTS**, b. 7 April 1816, d. 15 Mar 1896.

m ix.. **Elijah W. ROBERTS**, b. abt ~~1817~~, m. 31 July 1838 Switzerland County, Nancy A. Voyles.

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30 Samuel[3] FALLIS[68] *(Isaac[2], Thomas[1])* son of Isaac and Susanna (Martin) Fallis, born in Kentucky, 1 August 1783 and died in Switzerland County Indiana, 17 June 1853.[69] He married in Shelby County, Kentucky, 17 December 1805:

31 Rebecca C.[2] ADAMS *(David[1])* daughter of David and Martha Adams, born in Pennsylvania, 1790 and died in 1870, is buried in Fallis cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Jefferson township, Switzerland, Indiana.

After their marriage in 1805 Samuel and Rebecca went to Missouri to claim 200 acres of land.[70] They remained for a few years returning to Indiana by 1814. His father Isaac and brother George had applied for and received land claims in Missouri as early as 1799.

Samuel Fallis and his family moved back east about 1814. Upon their return they purchased a lot in the town of Vevay from John Francis Dufour and Polly his wife, for $51.00. In May 1816 a

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[67] Knox & Slevin, Compilers. Switzerland County, Indiana Marriage Records 1831-1885. 1970.

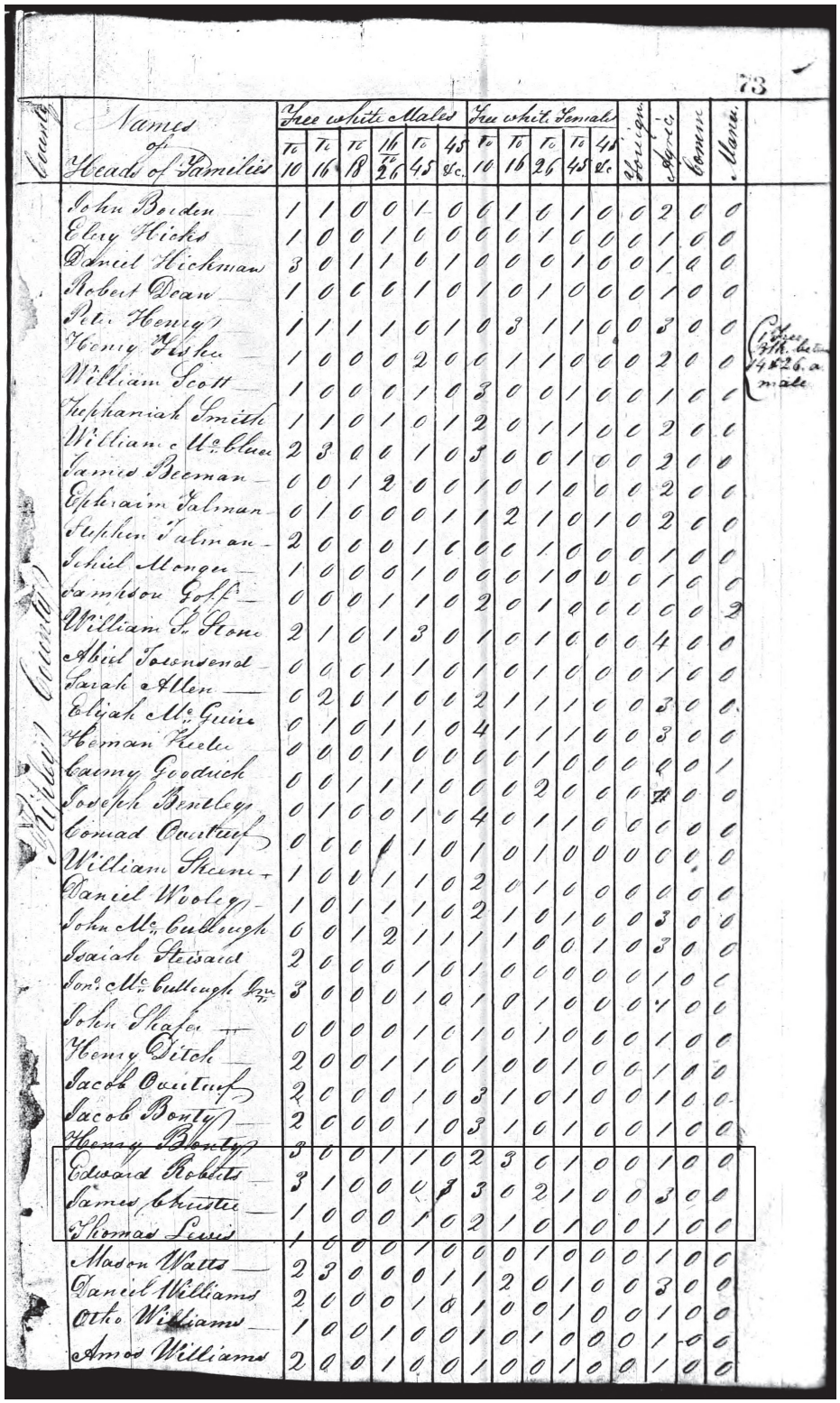
[68] FATHER: Will of Isaac Fallis, St. Charles, Missouri dated 24 July 1805. LAND: 1818 Switzerland County, Indiana Deeds Bk p. 254-255. OCCUPATION: The Swiss Settlement of Switzerland County Indiana. Perret Dufour. Indiana Historical Commission. Indianapolis: 1925. Ohio County Public Library. OCCUPATION: 1825 History of Switzerland County, Indiana. reprint of 1885 by Weakley, Harraman & Co., Pub. Owensboro, Ky: 1980. p 1154. COURT:1829 Switzerland County, Indiana. CENSUS: 1840 Census Switzerland Co., Ind. Pleasant Township, p. 125. FHL 007730 CENSUS: 1850 Census Switzerland Co., Jefferson Township p. 415. [This information obtained by Christine Rose, Genealogist, on a research trip] PROBATE: Switzerland County, Indiana. Will Book 3 p. 186-187 1859-1877. Know all men by these presents that we George Fallis, James Skein and Sarah Skein, his wife Edward Roberts and Susan Roberts his wife, Henry Mix and Patsy his wife and Jonathan Spencer, Eliza Spencer his wife Milton Spencer and Nancy Spencer his wife, George Van Antwerp and Rebecca Van Antwerp his wife, Isabella Fallis, Samuel D. Fallis and John Fallis heirs at law of Samuel Fallis deceased for an in consideration of natural love and affection and the sum of one dollar, the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged have released revised and to farm let unto Rebecca Fallis wife of the said Samuel Fallis deceased for any during her natural life, all their right title and interest in the farm of the said Samuel Fallis deceased and of which they are as his heirs at law the owners of two thirds thereof and in all the other real estate owned by the said Fallis at the time of his death consisting of a house and lot in the town of Mount Sterling that the said Rebecca Fallis to the said real estate as her own to render no rent whatsoever for the use of the land yearly or otherwise except the sum of one dollar which has been paid and acknowledged in this indenture. Given under our hands and seals this 16 day of July 1853, Signed Fallis children and spouses.

[69] PROBATE: 1863 Switzerland County, Indiana Will Book ? p.? Will of Rebecca Fallis

[70] A statement in the Fallis Family by William Stuart Fallis says that Samuel went to Texas and died there in 1786, but he obtained the land in Missouri in 1805, and was married in Kentucky the same year.

Figure 1.3

1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana

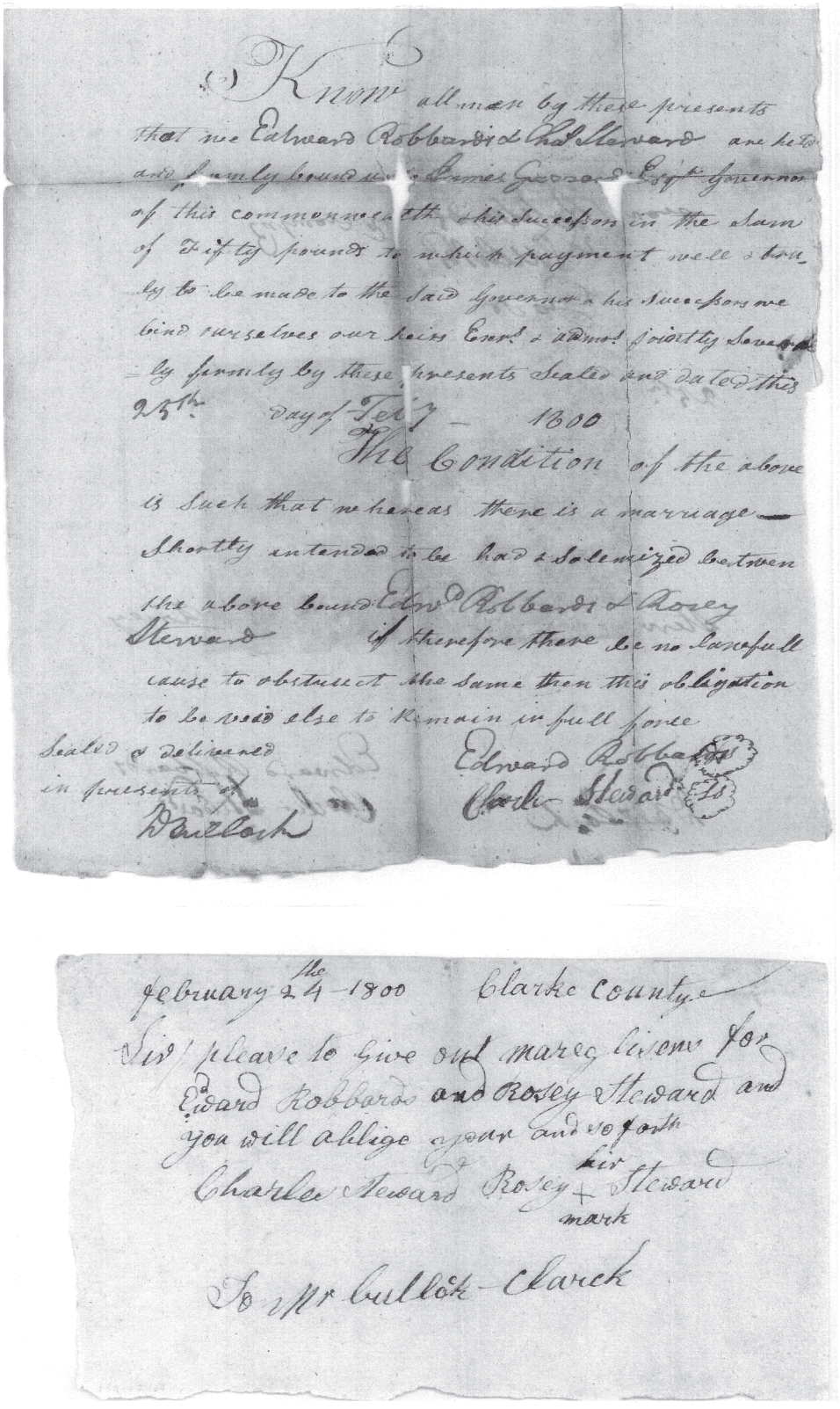


Names of Heads of Families	Free white Males: To 10	To 16	To 18	16 To 26	To 45	45 &c.	Free white Females: To 10	To 16	To 26	To 45	45 &c.	Foreigners not Naturalized	Slaves	Colored persons	Remarks
John Borden	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Elery Hicks	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Daniel Hickman	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Robert Dean	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Peter Henry	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Henry Barker	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
William Scott	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
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William McBlue	2	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
James Beeman	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
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Samson Goff	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
William S. Stone	2	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
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Sarah Allen	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Elijah McGuire	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Herman Keller	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Caemy Goodrich	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0
Joseph Bentley	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Conrad Courtney	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
William Shenn	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Wooley	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
John McCullough	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Isaiah Steisaid	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jon. McCullough Jun.	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
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Henry Bonty	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Edward Roberts	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
James Christie	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Thomas Lewis	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mason Watts	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Daniel Williams	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Otho Williams	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
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Figure 1.4

Edward Robbards[1] & Rosey Steward Marriage Bond and Consent



Know all men by these presents
that we Edward Robbards & Rd Steward are held
and firmly bound unto James Garrard Esqr Governor
of this commonwealth & his successors in the sum
of fifty pounds to which payment well & truly
to be made to the said Governor & his successors we
bind ourselves our heirs Exors & admrs jointly severally
& firmly by these presents Sealed and dated this
25th day of Feby 1800
The Condition of the above
is such that whereas there is a marriage
shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between
the above bound Edwd Robbards & Rosey
Steward if therefore there be no lawfull
cause to obstruct the same then this obligation
to be void else to remain in full force
Sealed & delivered
in presence of
Edward Robbards
Charles Steward
Wallace

February 24th 1800 Clarke County
Sir please to give out marrg licens for
Edward Robbards and Rosey Steward and
you will oblige your humble servt
Charles Steward Rosey + Steward
mark
To Mr Bullock Clerck

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Identified as loose records from Clark County Clerk, Winchester, Kentucky.

Transcription of Marriage Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Edward Robbards & Chas Steward are held and firmly bound unto James Garrard Esq & Governor of this commonwealth & his successors in the Sum of Fifty pounds to which payment well and truly to be made to the Said Governor & his successors we bind ourselves our heirs Exers & Admers [Executors & Administrators] jointly severally firmly by these presents Sealed and dated this 25th day of Feby – 1800

The condition of the above is such that whereas there is a marriage – shortly intended to be had & Solomized between the above bound Edwd Robbards & Rosey Steward if therefore there be no lawfull cause to obstruct the Same then this obligation to be void else to Remain in full force

Edward Robbards
Charles Steward

Sealed & delivered
In presents of

D Bullock

Transcription of Consent

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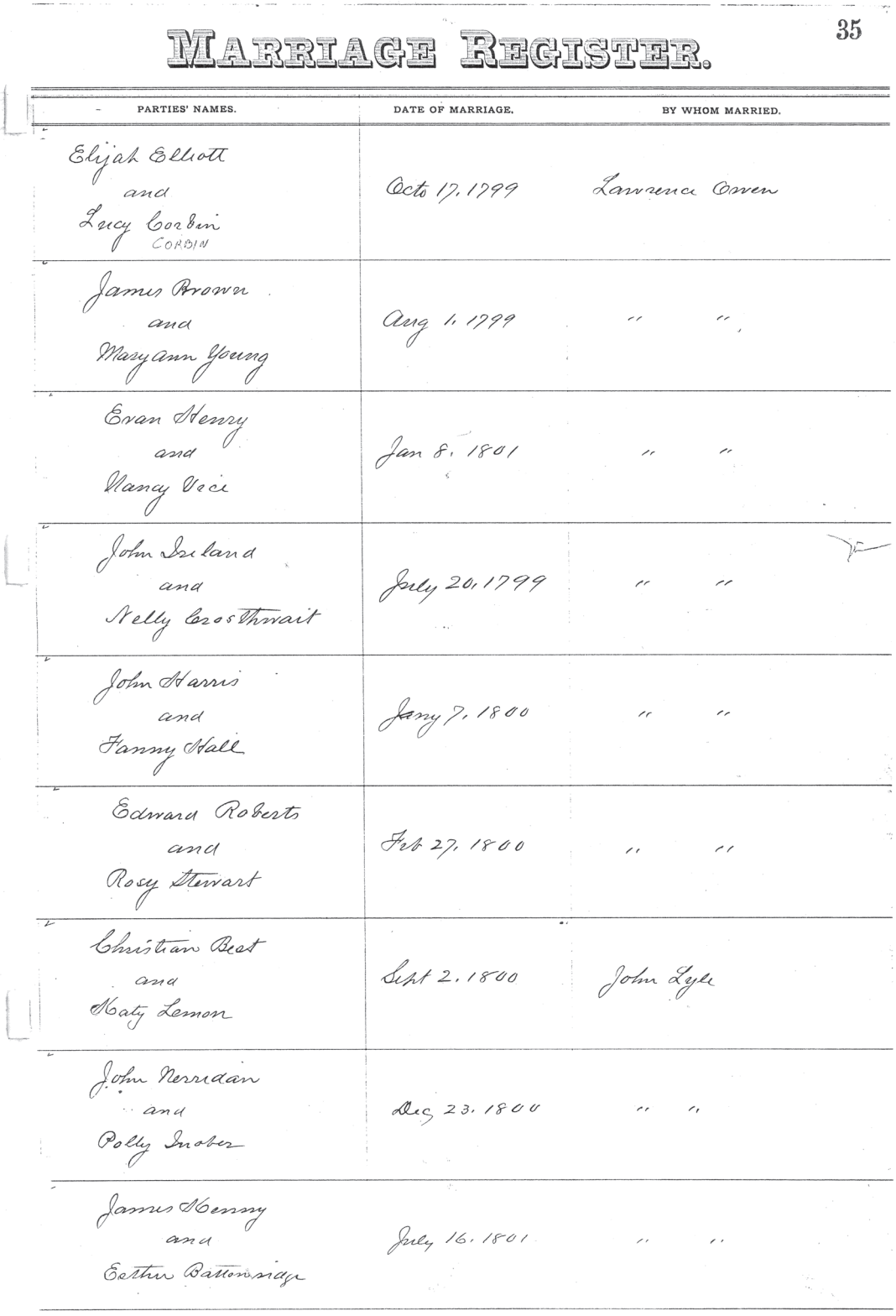
Sir please to give out mareg lisens for Edward Robbards and Rosey Steward and you will oblige your and so forth

Charles Steward
Rosey Steward [signed by her mark "x"]

To Mr bullock - clarck

Figure 1.5

Edward Roberts[1] & Rosy Stewart Marriage Registration



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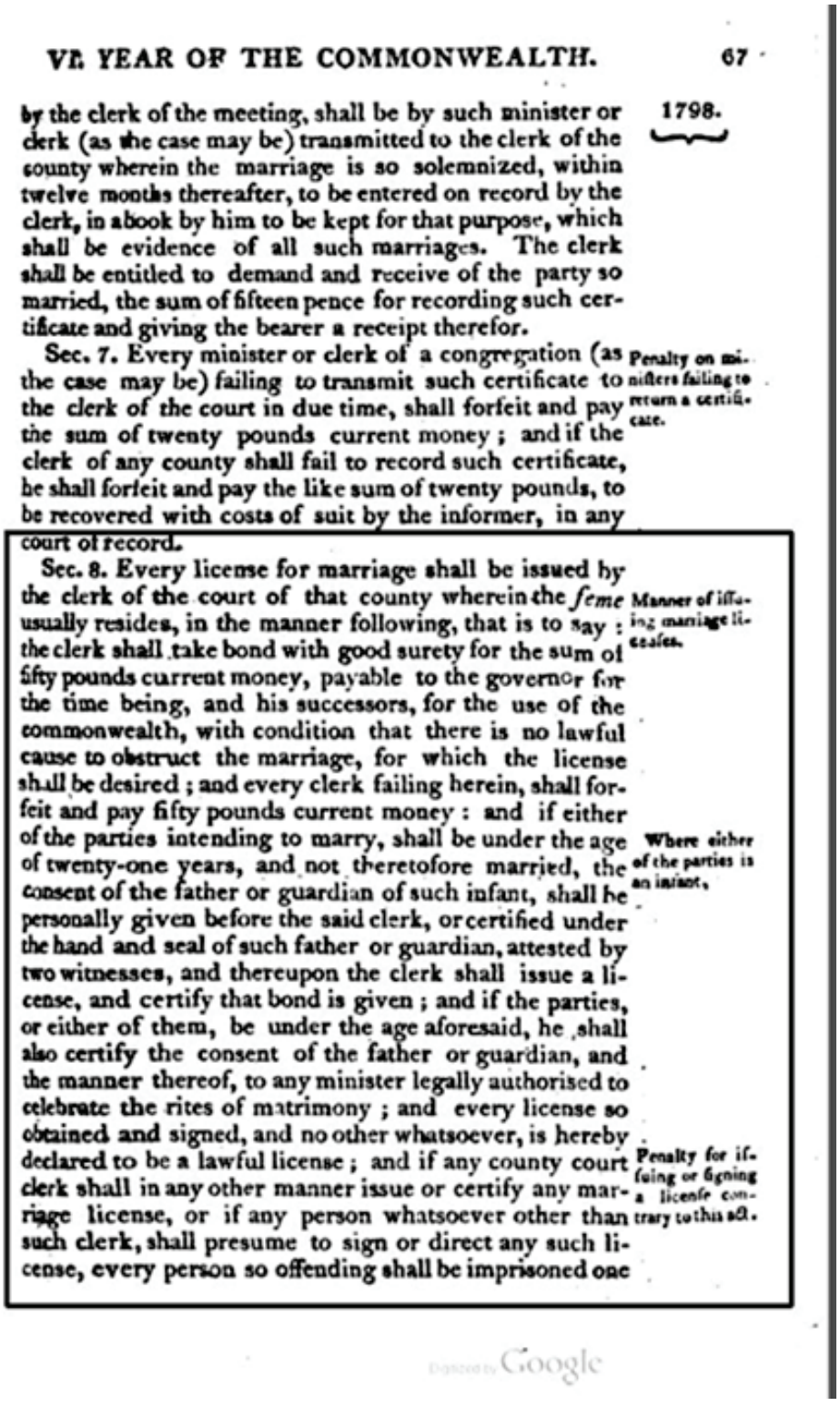
MARRIAGE REGISTER.

PARTIES' NAMES.	DATE OF MARRIAGE.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Elijah Elliott and Lucy Corbin CORBIN	Octo 17, 1799	Lawrence Owen
James Brown and Mary Ann Young	Aug 1, 1799	" "
Evan Henry and Nancy Veal	Jan 8, 1801	" "
John Ireland and Nelly Crosthwait	July 20, 1799	" "
John Harris and Fanny Hall	Jany 7, 1800	" "
Edward Roberts and Rosy Stewart	Feb 27, 1800	" "
Christian Best and Katy Lemon	Sept 2, 1800	John Lyle
John Merridan and Polly Inskeep	Dec 23, 1800	" "
James Kenny and Esther Ballenger	July 16, 1801	" "

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Original source: Marriage Register 1, Page 35. Clark County, Kentucky Clerk, Winchester, Kentucky.

Figure 1.6

Excerpt from 1810 Kentucky Statutes



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by the clerk of the meeting, shall be by such minister or clerk (as the case may be) transmitted to the clerk of the county wherein the marriage is so solemnized, within twelve months thereafter, to be entered on record by the clerk, in a book by him to be kept for that purpose, which shall be evidence of all such marriages. The clerk shall be entitled to demand and receive of the party so married, the sum of fifteen pence for recording such certificate and giving the bearer a receipt therefor. 1798.

Penalty on ministers failing to return a certificate.

Sec. 7. Every minister or clerk of a congregation (as the case may be) failing to transmit such certificate to the clerk of the court in due time, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds current money; and if the clerk of any county shall fail to record such certificate, he shall forfeit and pay the like sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered with costs of suit by the informer, in any court of record.

Manner of issuing marriage licenses.

Sec. 8. Every license for marriage shall be issued by the clerk of the court of that county wherein the *feme* usually resides, in the manner following, that is to say: the clerk shall take bond with good surety for the sum of fifty pounds current money, payable to the governor for the time being, and his successors, for the use of the commonwealth, with condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage, for which the license shall be desired; and every clerk failing herein, shall forfeit and pay fifty pounds current money: and if either of the parties intending to marry, shall be under the age of twenty-one years, and not theretofore married, the consent of the father or guardian of such infant, shall be personally given before the said clerk, or certified under the hand and seal of such father or guardian, attested by two witnesses, and thereupon the clerk shall issue a license, and certify that bond is given; and if the parties, or either of them, be under the age aforesaid, he shall also certify the consent of the father or guardian, and the manner thereof, to any minister legally authorised to celebrate the rites of matrimony; and every license so obtained and signed, and no other whatsoever, is hereby declared to be a lawful license; and if any county court clerk shall in any other manner issue or certify any marriage license, or if any person whatsoever other than such clerk, shall presume to sign or direct any such license, every person so offending shall be imprisoned one

Where either of the parties is an infant,

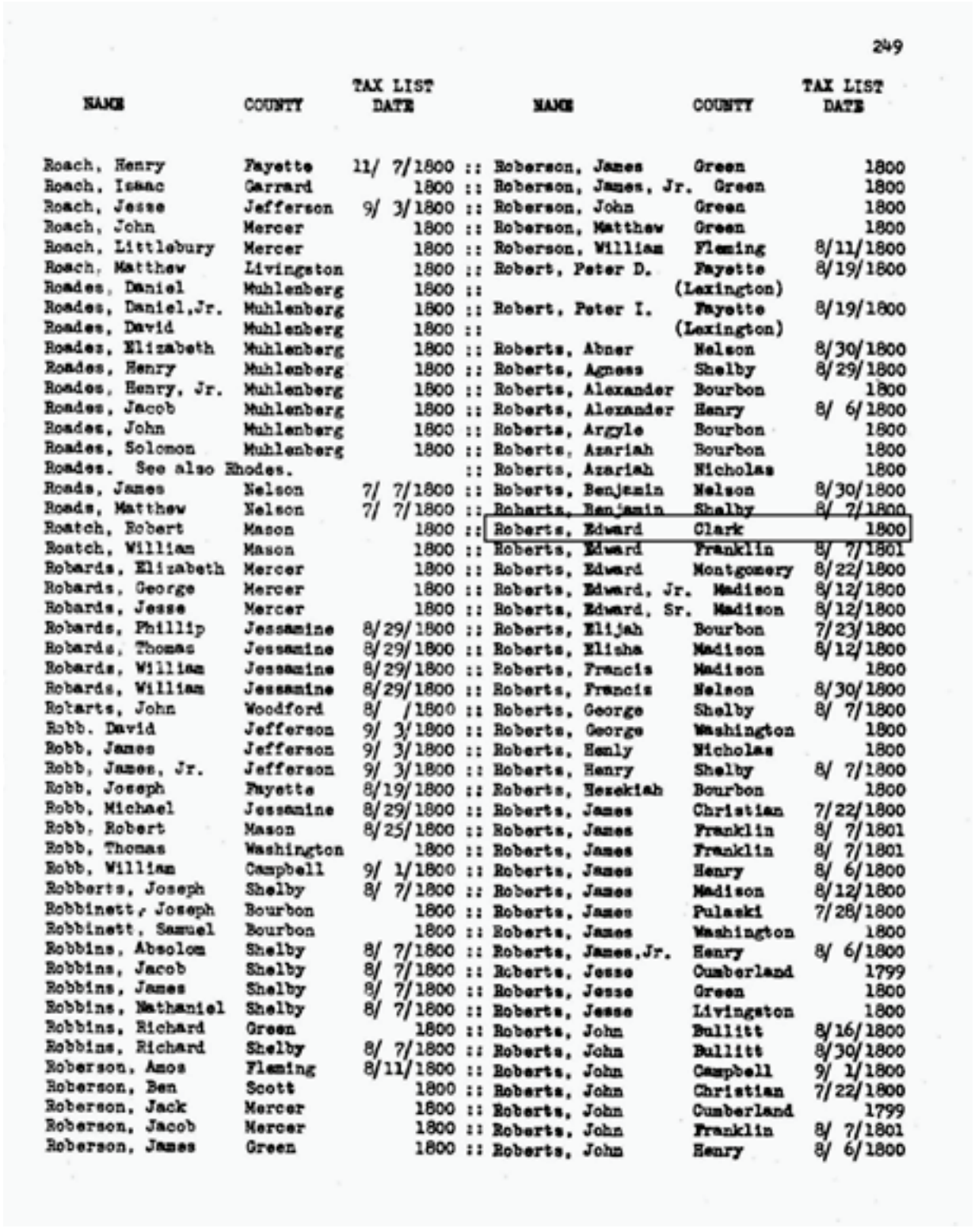
Penalty for issuing or signing a license contrary to this act.

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Figure 1.7

1800 Clark County, Kentucky Tax List – Edward Roberts[1]



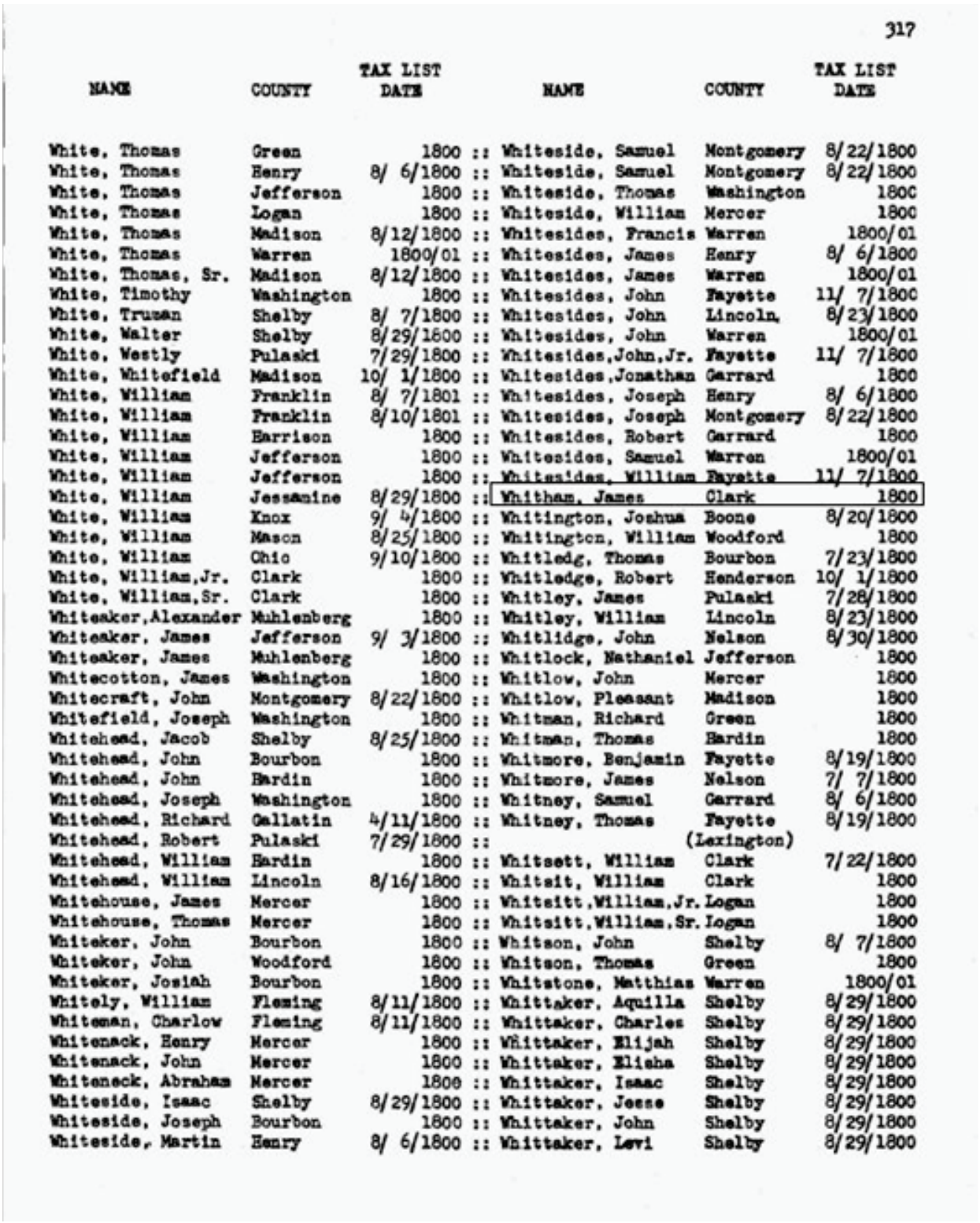
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Roach, Isaac	Garrard	1800	Roberson, James, Jr.	Green	1800
Roach, Jesse	Jefferson	9/ 3/1800	Roberson, John	Green	1800
Roach, John	Mercer	1800	Roberson, Matthew	Green	1800
Roach, Littlebury	Mercer	1800	Roberson, William	Fleming	8/11/1800
Roach, Matthew	Livingston	1800	Robert, Peter D.	Fayette (Lexington)	8/19/1800
Roades, Daniel	Muhlenberg	1800	Robert, Peter I.	Fayette (Lexington)	8/19/1800
Roades, Daniel,Jr.	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Abner	Nelson	8/30/1800
Roades, David	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Agness	Shelby	8/29/1800
Roades, Elizabeth	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Alexander	Bourbon	1800
Roades, Henry	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Alexander	Henry	8/ 6/1800
Roades, Henry, Jr.	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Argyle	Bourbon	1800
Roades, Jacob	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Azariah	Bourbon	1800
Roades, John	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Azariah	Nicholas	1800
Roades, Solomon	Muhlenberg	1800	Roberts, Benjamin	Nelson	8/30/1800
Roades. See also Rhodes.			Roberts, Benjamin	Shelby	8/ 7/1800
Roads, James	Nelson	7/ 7/1800	Roberts, Edward	Clark	1800
Roads, Matthew	Nelson	7/ 7/1800	Roberts, Edward	Franklin	8/ 7/1801
Roatch, Robert	Mason	1800	Roberts, Edward	Montgomery	8/22/1800
Roatch, William	Mason	1800	Roberts, Edward, Jr.	Madison	8/12/1800
Robards, Elizabeth	Mercer	1800	Roberts, Edward, Sr.	Madison	8/12/1800
Robards, George	Mercer	1800	Roberts, Elijah	Bourbon	7/23/1800
Robards, Jesse	Mercer	1800	Roberts, Elisha	Madison	8/12/1800
Robards, Phillip	Jessamine	8/29/1800	Roberts, Francis	Madison	1800
Robards, Thomas	Jessamine	8/29/1800	Roberts, Francis	Nelson	8/30/1800
Robards, William	Jessamine	8/29/1800	Roberts, George	Shelby	8/ 7/1800
Robards, William	Jessamine	8/29/1800	Roberts, George	Washington	1800
Robarts, John	Woodford	8/ /1800	Roberts, Henly	Nicholas	1800
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Robb, Michael	Jessamine	8/29/1800	Roberts, James	Franklin	8/ 7/1801
Robb, Robert	Mason	8/25/1800	Roberts, James	Henry	8/ 6/1800
Robb, Thomas	Washington	1800	Roberts, James	Madison	8/12/1800
Robb, William	Campbell	9/ 1/1800	Roberts, James	Pulaski	7/28/1800
Robberts, Joseph	Shelby	8/ 7/1800	Roberts, James	Washington	1800
Robbinett, Joseph	Bourbon	1800	Roberts, James,Jr.	Henry	8/ 6/1800
Robbinett, Samuel	Bourbon	1800	Roberts, Jesse	Cumberland	1799
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Roberson, Amos	Fleming	8/11/1800	Roberts, John	Cumberland	1799
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Roberson, Jack	Mercer	1800	Roberts, John	Henry	8/ 6/1800
Roberson, Jacob	Mercer	1800			
Roberson, James	Green	1800			

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Figure 1.8

1800 Clark County, Kentucky Tax List – James Whitham



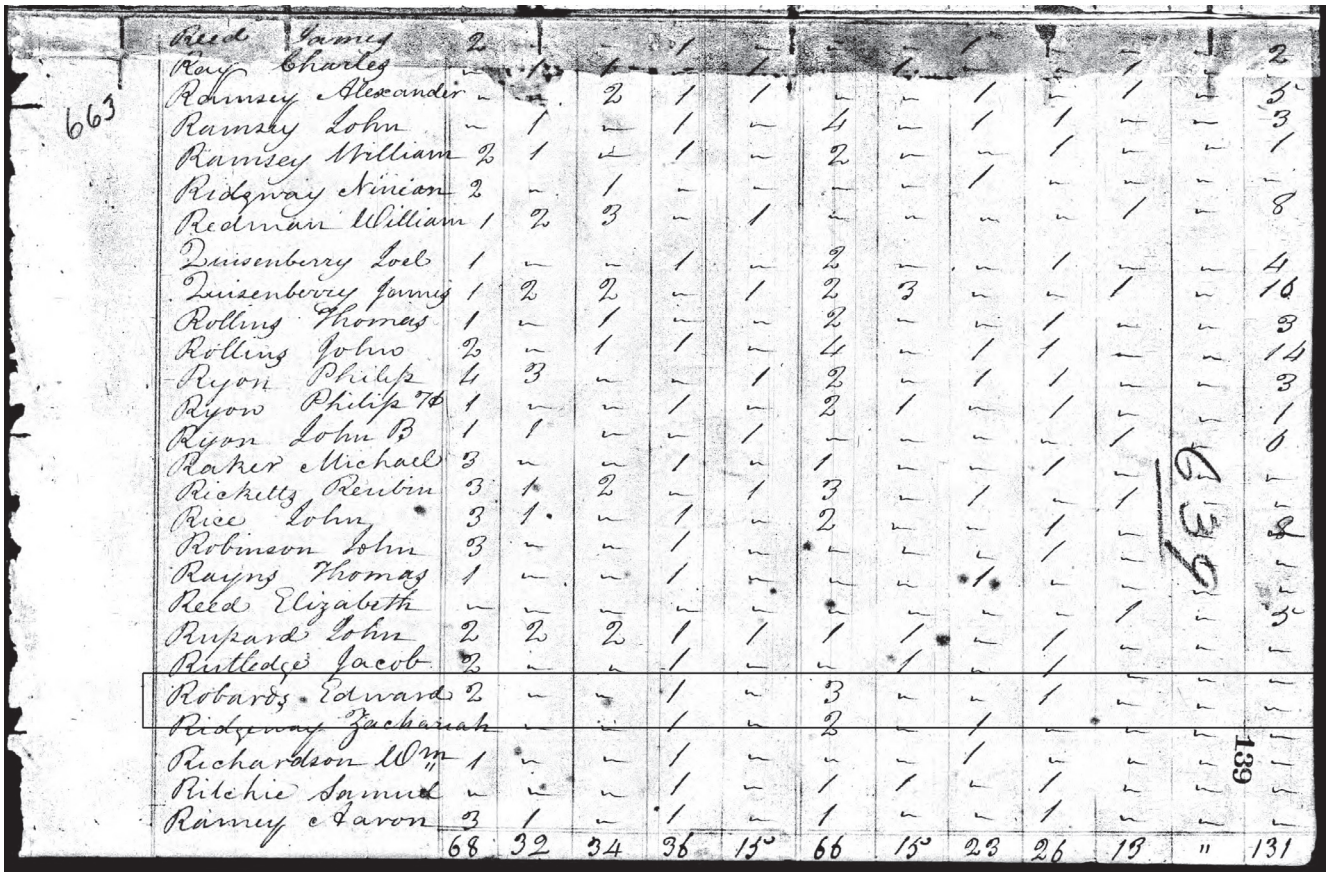
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White, Thomas	Logan	1800	Whiteside, William	Mercer	1800
White, Thomas	Madison	8/12/1800	Whitesides, Francis	Warren	1800/01
White, Thomas	Warren	1800/01	Whitesides, James	Henry	8/ 6/1800
White, Thomas, Sr.	Madison	8/12/1800	Whitesides, James	Warren	1800/01
White, Timothy	Washington	1800	Whitesides, John	Fayette	11/ 7/1800
White, Truman	Shelby	8/ 7/1800	Whitesides, John	Lincoln	8/23/1800
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White, Westly	Pulaski	7/29/1800	Whitesides, John, Jr.	Fayette	11/ 7/1800
White, Whitefield	Madison	10/ 1/1800	Whitesides, Jonathan	Garrard	1800
White, William	Franklin	8/ 7/1801	Whitesides, Joseph	Henry	8/ 6/1800
White, William	Franklin	8/10/1801	Whitesides, Joseph	Montgomery	8/22/1800
White, William	Harrison	1800	Whitesides, Robert	Garrard	1800
White, William	Jefferson	1800	Whitesides, Samuel	Warren	1800/01
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Whitehead, Joseph	Washington	1800	Whitney, Samuel	Garrard	8/ 6/1800
Whitehead, Richard	Gallatin	4/11/1800	Whitney, Thomas	Fayette (Lexington)	8/19/1800
Whitehead, Robert	Pulaski	7/29/1800			
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Whitehead, William	Lincoln	8/16/1800	Whitsit, William	Clark	1800
Whitehouse, James	Mercer	1800	Whitsitt, William, Jr.	Logan	1800
Whitehouse, Thomas	Mercer	1800	Whitsitt, William, Sr.	Logan	1800
Whiteker, John	Bourbon	1800	Whitson, John	Shelby	8/ 7/1800
Whiteker, John	Woodford	1800	Whitson, Thomas	Green	1800
Whiteker, Josiah	Bourbon	1800	Whitstone, Matthias	Warren	1800/01
Whitely, William	Fleming	8/11/1800	Whittaker, Aquilla	Shelby	8/29/1800
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Whitenack, John	Mercer	1800	Whittaker, Elisha	Shelby	8/29/1800
Whiteneck, Abraham	Mercer	1800	Whittaker, Isaac	Shelby	8/29/1800
Whiteside, Isaac	Shelby	8/29/1800	Whittaker, Jesse	Shelby	8/29/1800
Whiteside, Joseph	Bourbon	1800	Whittaker, John	Shelby	8/29/1800
Whiteside, Martin	Henry	8/ 6/1800	Whittaker, Levi	Shelby	8/29/1800

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Figure 1.9

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Rolling Thomas	1		1			2			1			3
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Rice John	3	1		1		2			1			8
Robinson John	3			1					1			
Rayns Thomas	1			1				1				
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Robards Edward	2			1		3			1			
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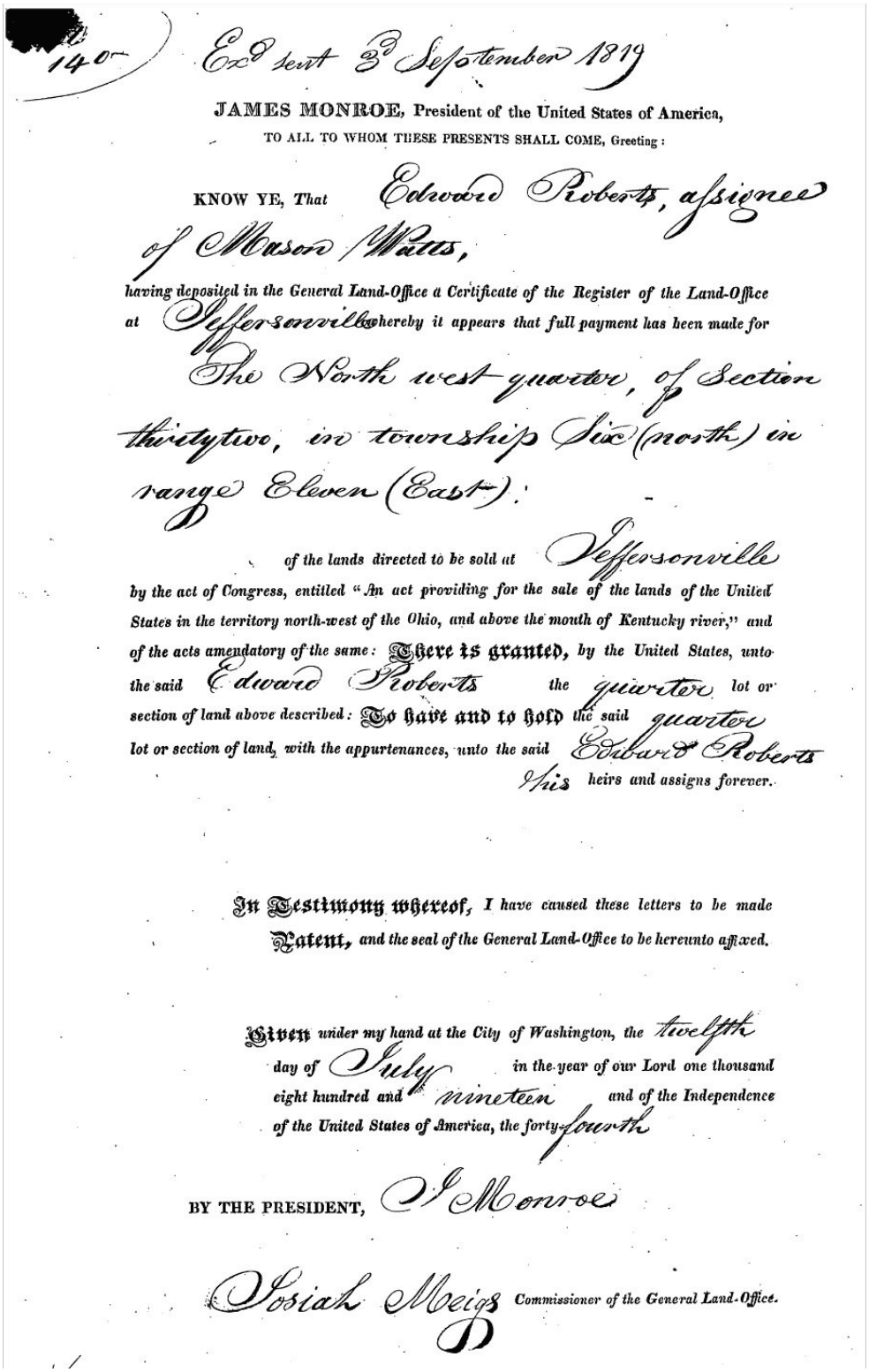
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Figure 1.10

Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana



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Ex^d sent 2^d September 1819

JAMES MONROE, President of the United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That Edward Roberts, assignee of Mason Wales,

having deposited in the General Land-Office a Certificate of the Register of the Land-Office at Jeffersonville whereby it appears that full payment has been made for The North west quarter, of Section thirtytwo, in township Six (north) in range Eleven (East).

of the lands directed to be sold at Jeffersonville by the act of Congress, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," and of the acts amendatory of the same: There is granted, by the United States, unto the said Edward Roberts the quarter lot or section of land above described: To have and to hold the said quarter lot or section of land, with the appurtenances, unto the said Edward Roberts his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land-Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America, the forty-fourth

BY THE PRESIDENT, J Monroe

Josiah Meigs Commissioner of the General Land-Office.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records (https://glorecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=0046-140&docClass=CV&sid=fnme4i3b.5xw#patentDetailsTabIndex=0 : accessed 21 Oct 2021)

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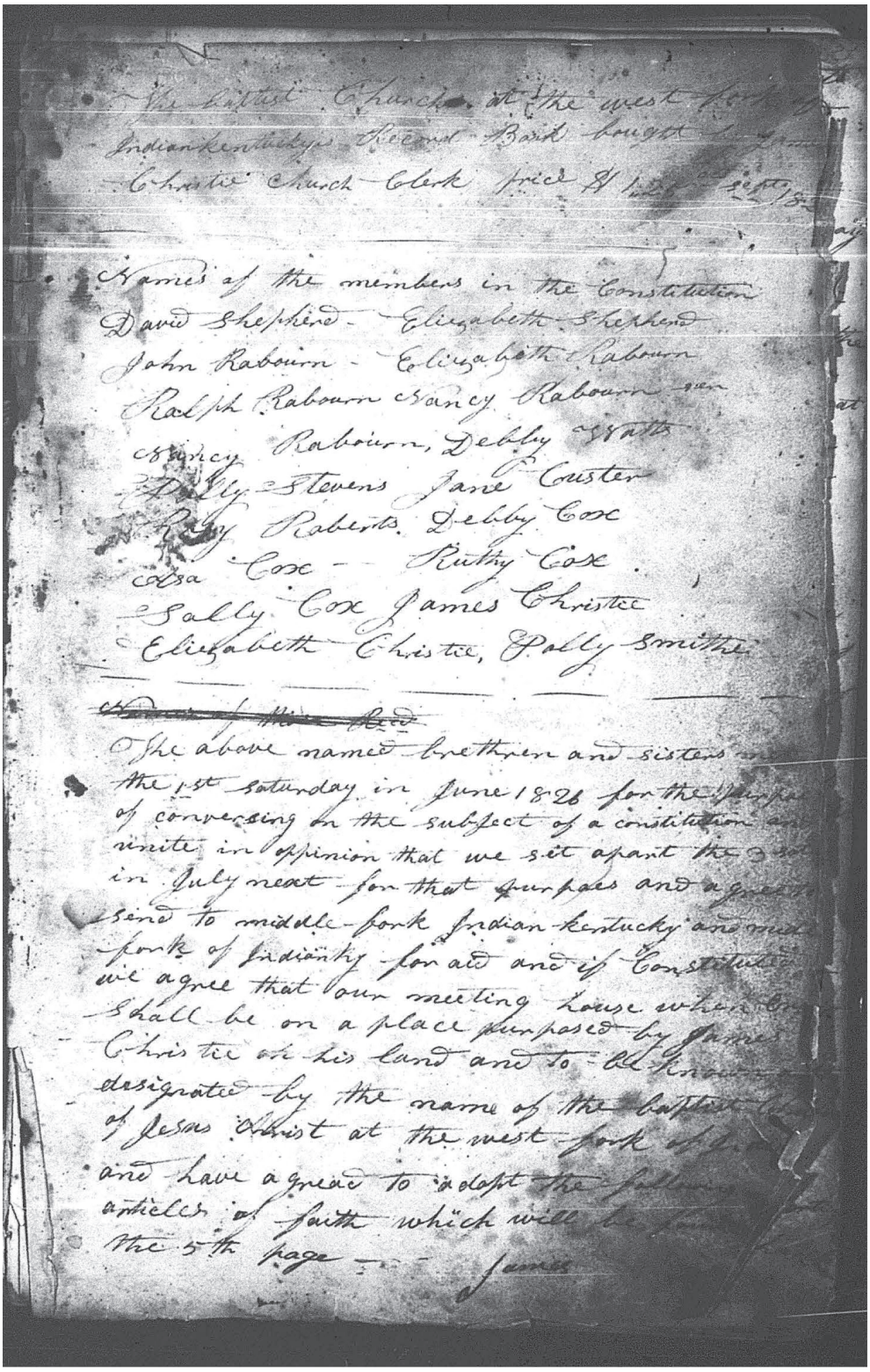
Edward Roberts[1] – Ripley County Property



NW/4, Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 11 East, Ripley County, Indiana. Image date 20 Sep 2016. GPS of center point: 38.924964, -85.328956. ©2021 Google.

Figure 1.12

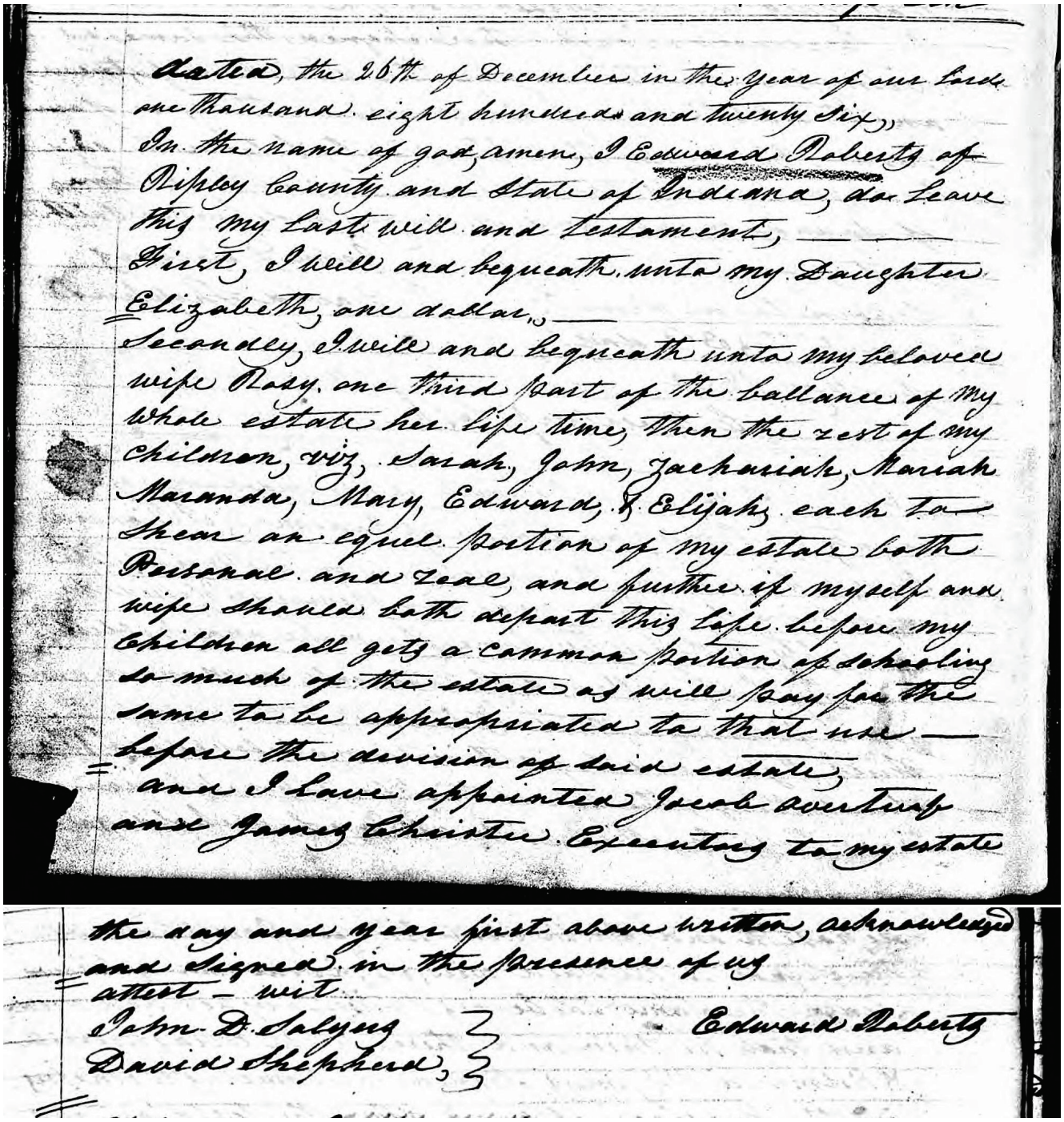
West Fork Baptist Church – Minutes of the 3 Jun 1826 Meeting



"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 1.13

Edward Roberts[1] Will



Dated, the 26th of December in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty six,,
In the name of god, amen, I Edward Roberts of Ripley County and State of Indiana, do Leave this my Last will and testament, — —
First, I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth, one dollar,, —
Secondly, I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rosy, one third part of the ballance of my whole estate her life time, then the rest of my children, viz, Sarah, John, Zachariah, Mariah Maranda, Mary, Edward, & Elijah, each to Shear an equel portion of my estate both Personal and Real, and further if myself and wife Should both depart this life before my children all gets a common portion of schooling so much of the estate as will pay for the same to be appropriated to that use — before the division of said estate,
and I have appointed Jacob Overturf and James Christie Executors to my estate

the day and year first above written, acknowledged and signed in the presence of us
attest — wit
John D. Salyers
David Shepherd,

Edward Roberts

"Indiana, Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663867_00016 : accessed 21 Oct 2021), Ripley > Probate Order Book, Vol 1, 1821-1839 > Image 16 of 41.

Transcript

dated, the 26th of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, In the name of god, amen, I Edward Roberts of Ripley County and State of Indiana, do Leave this my Last will and testament,

First, I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth, one dollar.

Secondly, I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rosy, one third part of the ballance of my whole estate her life time, then the rest of my children, viz, Sarah, John, Zachariah, Mariah, Maranda, Mary, Edward, & Elijah, each to shear an equal portion of my estate both Personal and real, and further if myself and wife should both depart this Life before my children all gets a common portion of schooling so much of the estate as will pay for the same to be appropriated to that use before the division of said estate, and I have appointed Jacob Overturf and James Christie Executors to my estate the day and year first above written, acknowledged and signed in the presence of us

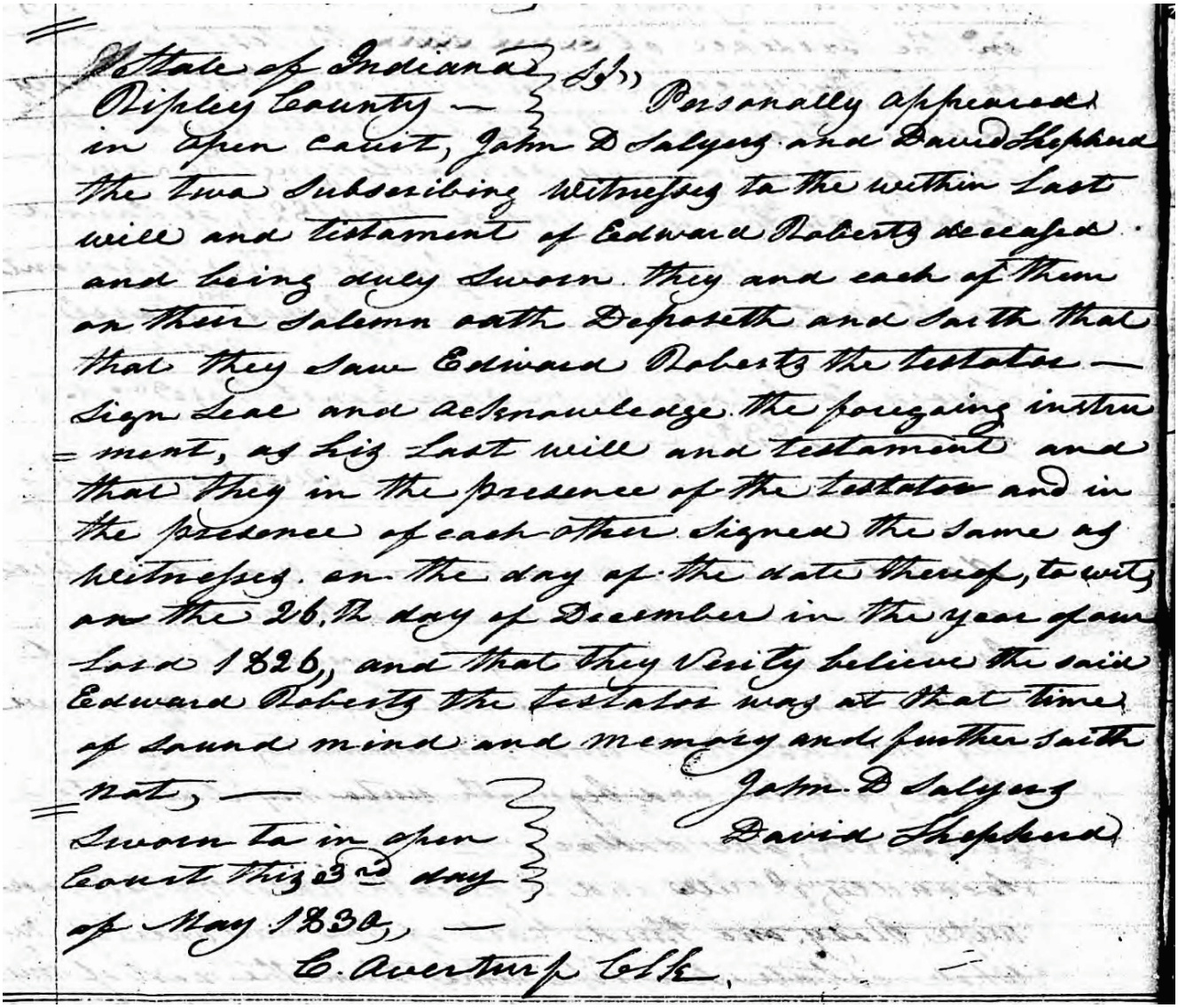
Signed by Edward Roberts

Witnessed by John D. Salyers and David Shepherd

Figure 1.14

Edward Roberts[1] Will Proven

A. Testimony of John D. Salyers and David Shepherd



State of Indiana } ss.
Ripley County — }

Personally appeared in Open Court, John D Salyers and David Shepherd the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last will and testament of Edward Roberts deceased. and being duly Sworn. they and each of them on their Solemn oath Deposeth and Saith that that they Saw Edward Roberts the testator — Sign Seal and acknowledge the foregoing instrument, as his Last will and testament and that they in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other Signed the same as Witnesses. on the day of the date thereof, to wit, on the 26.th day of December in the year of our Lord 1826, and that they Verily believe the said Edward Roberts the testator was at that time of sound mind and memory and further saith not, —

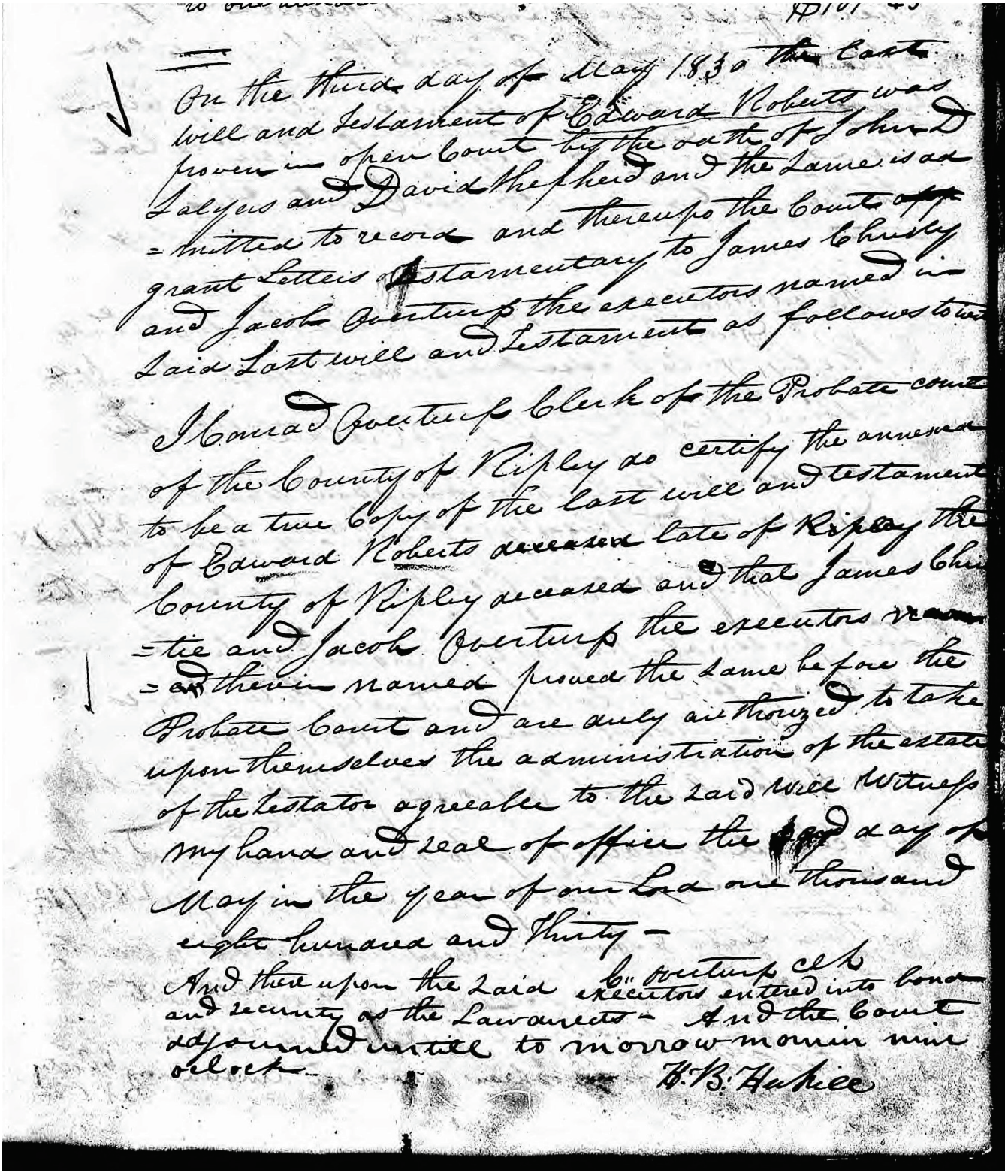
John D Salyers
David Shepherd

Sworn to in open Court this 3.d day of May 1830, —

C. Auerturp Clk.

"Indiana, Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663867_00016 : accessed 21 Oct 2021), Ripley > Probate Order Book, Vol 1, 1821-1839 > Image 16 of 41.

B. Verification of Will



On the third day of May 1830 the last will and Testament of Edward Roberts was proven in open Court by the oaths of John D Galyeus and David Shepherd and the same is admitted to record and thereupon the Court granted Letters Testamentary to James Chesley and Jacob Overturp the executors named in said Last will and Testament as follows to wit

I Conrad Overturp Clerk of the Probate court of the County of Ripley do certify the annexed to be a true Copy of the last will and testament of Edward Roberts deceased late of Ripley the County of Ripley deceased and that James Chesley and Jacob Overturp the executors named therein named proved the same before the Probate Court and are duly authorized to take upon themselves the administration of the estate of the testator agreeable to the said will Witness my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty -

And thereupon the said Overturp Clk executors entered into bond and security as the Law directs - And the Court adjourned until to morrow morning nine o'clock

W. B. Hubbell

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Transcript

Testimony of John D. Salyers and David Shepherd

State of Indiana
Ripley County

Personally appeared in open court, John D Salyers and David Shepperd the two subscribing witnesses to the within Last will and testament of Edward Roberts deceased and being duly sworn they and each of them on their solemn oath Deposeth and saith that they saw Edward Roberts the testator sign seal and acknowledge the foregoing instrument, as his Last will and testament and that they in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other signed the same as witnesses on the day of the date thereof, to wit, on the 26th day of December in the year of our Lord 1826, and that they verily believe the said Edward Roberts the testator was at that time of sound mind and memory and further saith not.

Signed by John D. Salyers and David Shepherd

Sworn to in open court this 3rd day of May 1830,
C. Overturf Clk

Verification of Will

On the third day of May 1830 the last will and testament of Edward Roberts was proven in open court by the oath of John D Salyers and David Shepherd and the same is admitted to record and thereupo[n] the Court grant Letters of testamentary to James Christy and Jacob Overturf the executors named in said Last will and Testament as follows to wit

I Conrad Overturf Clerk of the Probate court of the County of Ripley do certify the annexed to be a true Copy of the last will and testament of Edward Roberts deceased late of Ripley the County of Ripley deceased and that James Christie and Jacob Overturf the executors therein named proved the same before the Probate Court and are duly authorized to take upon themselves the administration of the estate of the Testator agreeable to the said will witness my hand and seal of office the 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty

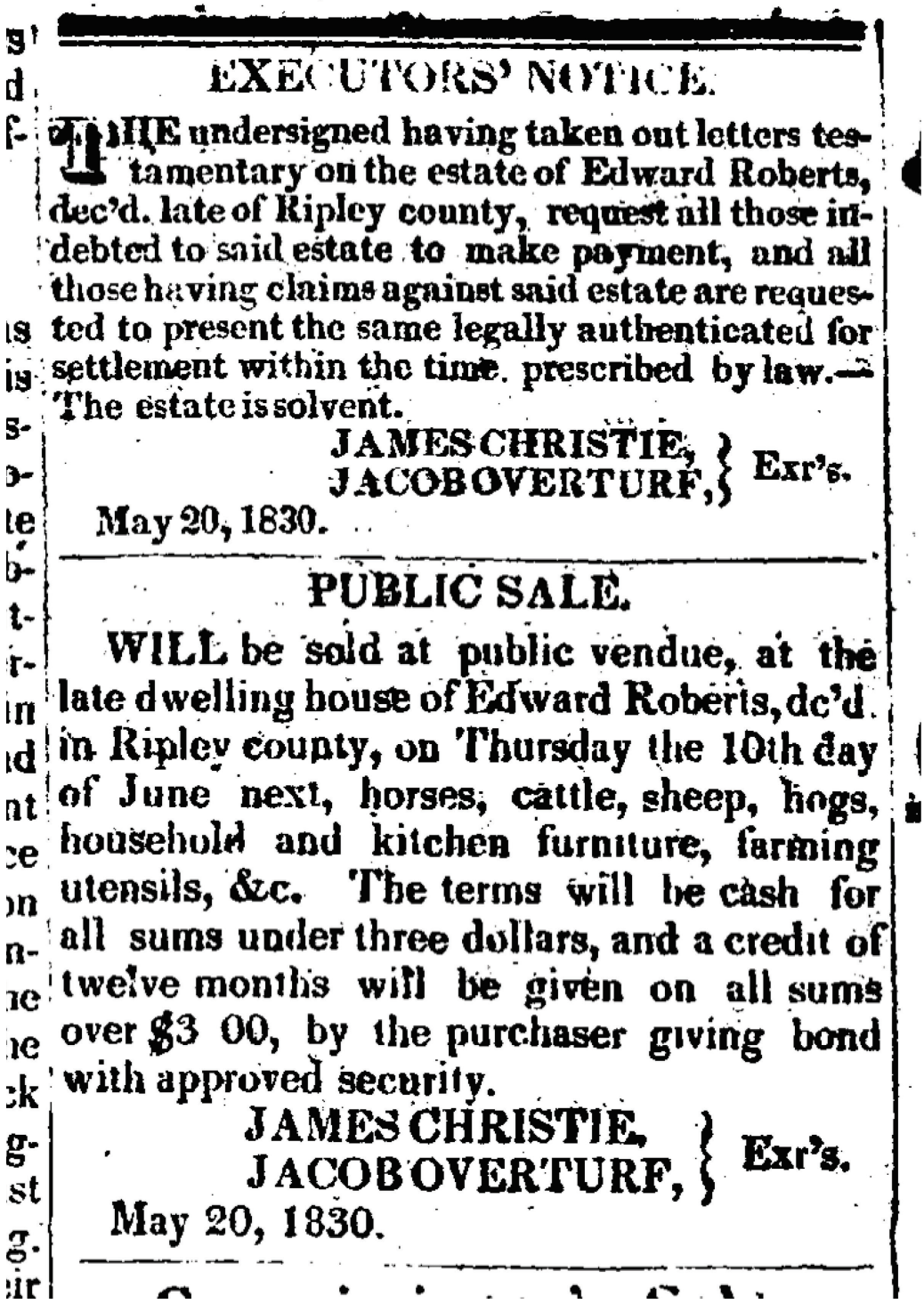
Signed by C. Overturf, Clerk

And thereupon the Said executors entered into bond and security as the Law directs And the Court adjourned until tomorrow morning nine oclock.

Signed by H. B. Hukill

Figure 1.15

Edward Roberts[1] Executors' Notice and Public Sale



EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

THE undersigned having taken out letters testamentary on the estate of Edward Roberts, dec'd. late of Ripley county, request all those indebted to said estate to make payment, and all those having claims against said estate are requested to present the same legally authenticated for settlement within the time prescribed by law.—The estate is solvent.

JAMES CHRISTIE,
JACOB OVERTURF, } Exr's.

May 20, 1830.

PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be sold at public vendue, at the late dwelling house of Edward Roberts, dc'd. in Ripley county, on Thursday the 10th day of June next, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, &c. The terms will be cash for all sums under three dollars, and a credit of twelve months will be given on all sums over $3 00, by the purchaser giving bond with approved security.

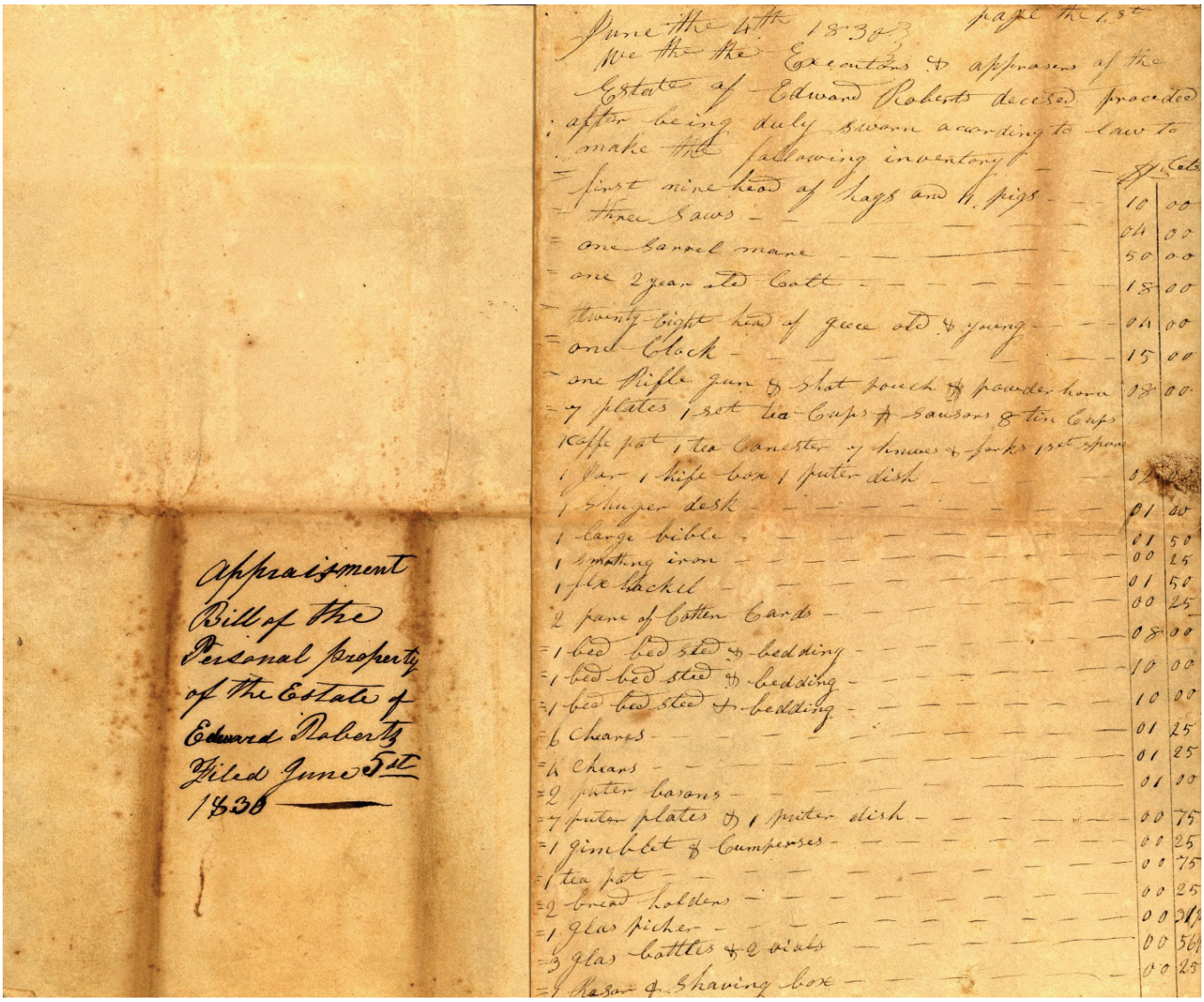
JAMES CHRISTIE,
JACOB OVERTURF, } Exr's.

May 20, 1830.

Madison (IN) Republican, 20 May 1830, Page 3 (newspaperarchive.com).

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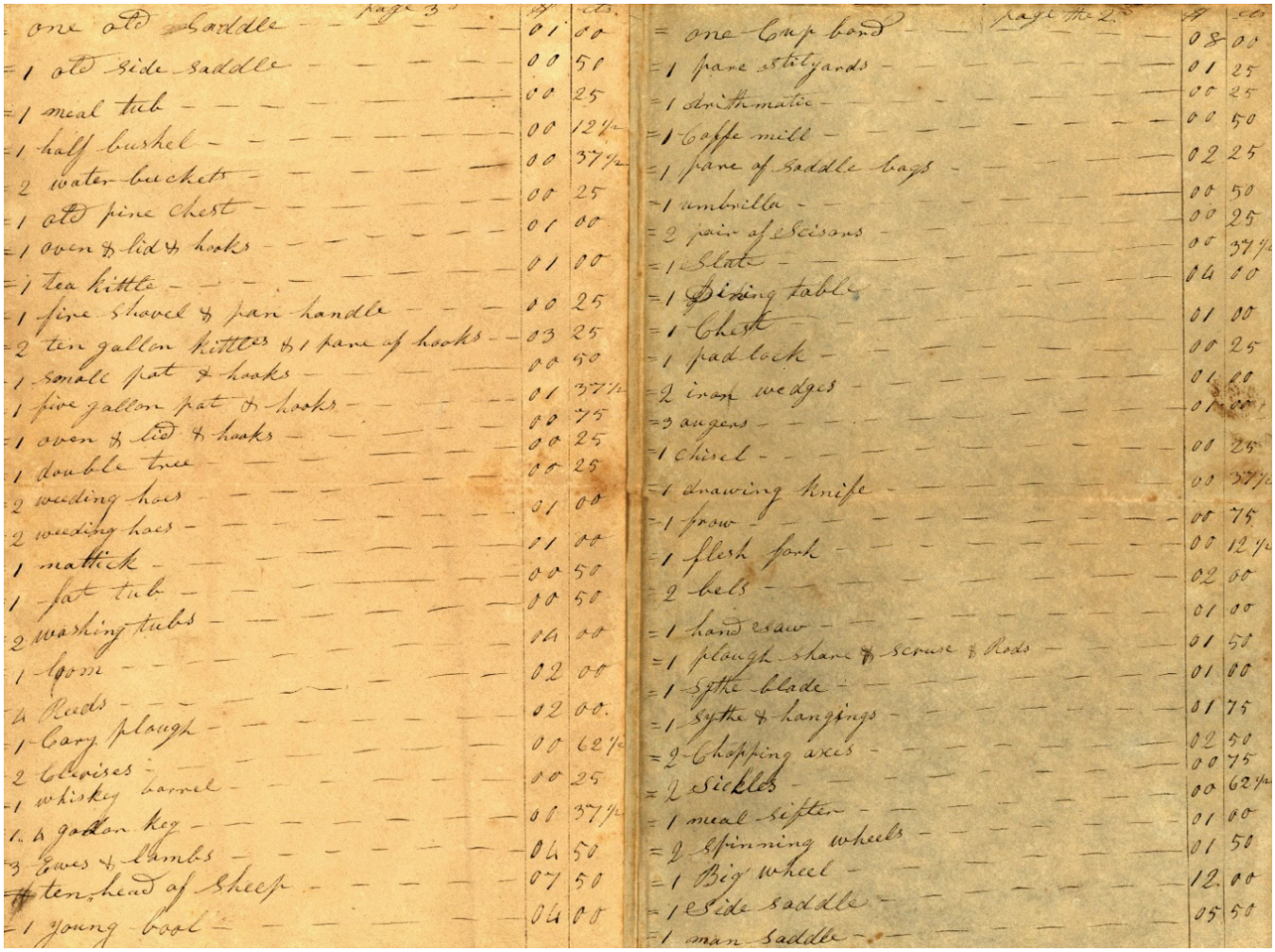
Edward Roberts[1] Estate Inventory and Appraisal



Appraisment
Bill of the
Personal property
of the Estate of
Edward Roberts
Filed June 5th
1830

June the 4th 1830 page the 1st
We the the Executors & appraisers of the
Estate of Edward Roberts deceased proceeded
after being duly sworn according to law to
make the following inventory
first nine head of hogs and 4 pigs — 10 00
three saws — 04 00
one barrel mare — 50 00
one 2 year old colt — 18 00
twenty Eight head of geese old & young — 04 00
one Clock — 15 00
one Rifle gun & Shot pouch & powder horn 18 00
7 plates 1 set tea Cups & saucers & tin Cups
Coffe pot 1 tea Canester 7 knives & forks 1 set spoons
1 Jar 1 knife box 1 puter dish — 01
1 Shugar desk — 01 00
1 large bible — 01 50
1 smoothing iron — 00 25
1 flax hackel — 01 50
2 pare of Cotton Cards — 00 25
1 bed bed sted & bedding — 08 00
1 bed bed sted & bedding — 10 00
1 bed bed sted & bedding — 10 00
6 Chares — 01 25
4 Chears — 01 25
2 puter basons — 01 00
7 puter plates & 1 puter dish — 00 75
1 gimblet & Cumperses — 00 25
1 tea pot — 00 75
2 bread holders — 00 25
1 glas picher — 00 [illegible]
3 glas bottles & 2 vials — 00 50
1 Razor & Shaving box — 00 25

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one old Saddle	01	00
1 old side saddle	00	50
1 meal tub	00	25
1 half bushel	00	12½
2 water buckets	00	37½
1 old pine chest	00	25
1 oven & lid & hooks	01	00
1 tea kittle	01	00
1 fire shovel & pan handle	00	25
2 ten gallon kittles & 1 pare of hooks	03	25
1 small pot & hooks	00	50
1 five gallon pot & hooks	01	37½
1 oven & lid & hooks	00	75
1 double tree	00	25
2 weeding hoes	00	25
2 weeding hoes	01	00
1 mattick	01	00
1 pot tub	00	50
2 washing tubs	00	50
1 loom	04	00
4 Reeds	02	00
1 Cary plough	02	00
2 Gloises	00	62½
1 whiskey barrel	00	25
1 ½ gallon keg	00	37½
3 Ewes & lambs	04	50
ten head of Sheep	07	50
1 young bool	04	00

one Cup board	08	00
1 pare Stilyards	01	25
1 Arithmatic	00	25
1 Coffee mill	00	50
1 pare of Saddle bags	02	25
1 umbrilla	00	50
2 pair of Scissons	00	25
1 Slate	00	37½
1 Dining table	04	00
1 Chest	01	00
1 padlock	00	25
2 iron wedges	01	00
3 augers	01	00
1 Chisel	00	25
1 drawing knife	00	37½
1 prow	00	75
1 flesh fork	00	12½
2 bels	02	00
1 hand esaw	01	00
1 plough share & screws & Rods	01	50
1 Sythe blade	01	00
1 Sythe & hangings	01	75
2 Chopping axes	02	50
2 Sickles	00	75
1 meal Sifter	00	62½
2 Spinning wheels	01	00
1 Big wheel	01	50
1 Side saddle	12	00
1 man Saddle	05	50

page 4th

= two Stands of bees	02	00
= 1 Red Cow	09	00
= 1 pided Cow	08	00
= 1 pided heifer	03	00
= 1 Red heifer	02	00
= 1 Shoe hammer	00	25
= 1 pare of pinchers	00	25
= 1 old axe	00	50
= 1 Churn	00	25
	267	90

State of Indiana
Ripley County ss } This day personally appeared before the undersigned Probate Judge of said County, James Christy, & Jacob Overhurt executors, and Jeremiah Salyers and Saml Caplinger appraisers of the personal estate of Edward Roberts deceased, who ~~after~~ upon their ~~being~~ oath depose and saith that the foregoing Inventory of the goods and chattels of said decedent is true and correct as far as have come to their knowledge - further these deponents saith not. - -

James Christy Ex
Jacob Overhurt

Jeremiah Salyers
Samuel Caplinger Appraisers

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of June 1830
R.B. Hitchcock P.J.

Transcript

Note: This is not an exact transcription of the inventory. Inventoried property is sorted by categories.

Appraisment Bill of the Personal property of the Estate of Edward Roberts

Filed June 5th 1830

Farm Animals

first nine head of hogs and 11 pigs	$10.00	two stands of bees	$2.00
one sorrel mare	$50.00	1 Red cow	$9.00
one 2 year old colt	$18.00	1 pided cow	$8.00
twenty eight head of geese old & young	$4.00	1 pided heifer	$3.00
3 Ewes & lambs	$4.50	1 Red heifer	$2.00
ten head of sheep	$7.50		

Farm Equipment

three saws	$4.00	2 chopping axes	$2.50
1 flx shackle	$1.50	2 sickles	$0.75
1 pare stilyards	$1.25	2 spinning wheels	$1.00
1 smithmatic	$0.25	1 Big wheel	$1.50
1 pare of saddle bags	$2.25	1 Side saddle	$12.00
1 padlock	$0.25	1 man saddle	$5.50
2 iron wedges	$1.00	one old saddle	$1.00
3 augers	$1.00	1 old side saddle	$0.50
1 chisel	$0.25	1 half bushel	$0.12 1/2
1 drawing knife	$0.37 1/2	2 water buckets	$0.37 1/2
1 frow	$0.75	1 fine shovel & pan handle	$0.25
1 flesh fork	$0.12 1/2	2 weeding hoes	$0.25
2 bels	$2.00	2 weeding hoes	$1.00
1 hand saw	$1.00	1 gimblet & cumpeses	$0.25
1 plough share & scruse & rods	$1.50	1 Cary plough	$2.00
1 sythe blade	$1.00	1 old axe	$0.50
1 sythe & hangings	$1.75		

Household Goods

one clock	$15.00	1 meal sifter	$0.62 1/2
one Rifle gun & shot pouch & powder horn	$8.00	1 meal tub	$0.25
7 plates, 1 set tea cups & saucers & tin cups			
1 coffee pot, 1 tea canester of knives & forks, 1 set spoons	$2.00	1 old pine chest	$0.25
1 jar, 1 knife box, 1 puter dish			
1 shuger desk	$1.00	1 meal sifter	$0.62 1/2
1 large bible	$1.50	1 meal tub	$0.25
1 smoothing iron	$0.25	1 old pine chest	$0.25
2 pane of cotton cards	$0.25	1 oven & lid & hooks	$1.00
1 bed, bed sted & bedding	$8.00	1 tea kittle	$1.00
1 bed, bed sted & bedding	$10.00	2 ten gallon kittles & 1 pare of hooks	$3.25
1 bed, bed sted & bedding	$10.00	1 small pot & hooks	$0.50
6 chears	$1.25	1 five gallon pot & hooks	$1.37 1/2
4 chears	$1.25	1 oven & lid & hooks	$0.75
2 puter basons	$1.00	1 double tree	$0.25
7 puter plates & 1 puter dish	$0.75	1 mattick	$1.00
1 tea pot	$0.75	1 fat tub	$0.50
2 bread holders	$0.25	2 washing tubs	$0.50
1 glas picher	$0.31 1/2	1 loom	$4.00
3 glas bottles & 2 vials	$0.56 1/2	4 reeds	$2.00
1 razor & shaving box	$0.25	2 Clevises	$0.62 1/2
one cup board	$8.00	1 whiskey barrel	$0.25
1 coffee mill	$0.50	1 4 gallon keg	$0.37 1/2
1 umbrilla	$0.50	1 young bool	$4.00
2 pair of scisors	$0.25	1 shoe hammer	$0.25
1 slate	$0.37 1/2	1 pare of pinchers	$0.25
1 plinking table	$4.00	1 churn	$0.25
1 chest	$1.00		

Appraised value: $267.90

Certification of Appraisal

State of Indiana
Ripley County

This day personally appeared before the undersigned Probate Judge of said County, James Christy & Jacob Overturf, executors, and Jeremiah Salyers and Sam'l Caplinger appraisers of the personal estate of Edward Roberts deceased, who upon their oath deposeth and saith that the foregoing inventory of the goods and chattels of said decedent is true and correct as far as have come to their knowledge – further these deponents saith not.

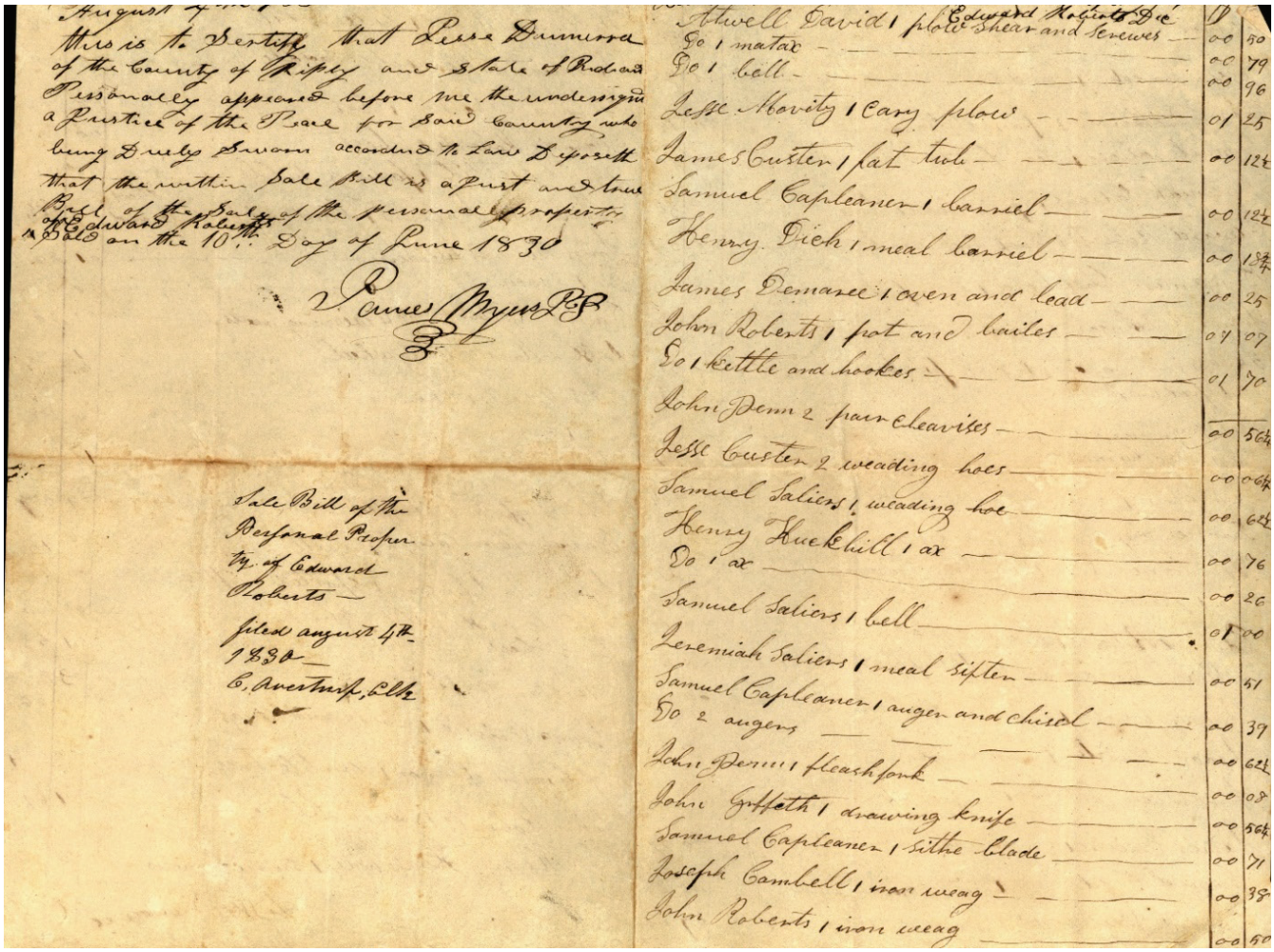
Signed by: James Christie and Jacob Overturf
Jeremiah Salyers and Samuel Caplinger, Appraisers

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this 5th day of June 1830.

Signed by H. B. Hukill, P Judge

Figure 1.17 (2 pages)

Edward Roberts[1] Estate Sale



This is to Certify that Reese Dunnora of the County of Ripley and State of Indiana Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County who being Duely Sworn according to Law Deposeth that the within Sale Bill is a Just and true Bill of the Sale of the personal property of Edward Roberts Sale on the 10th Day of June 1830

Reese Myers J P

Sale Bill of the Personal Property of Edward Roberts

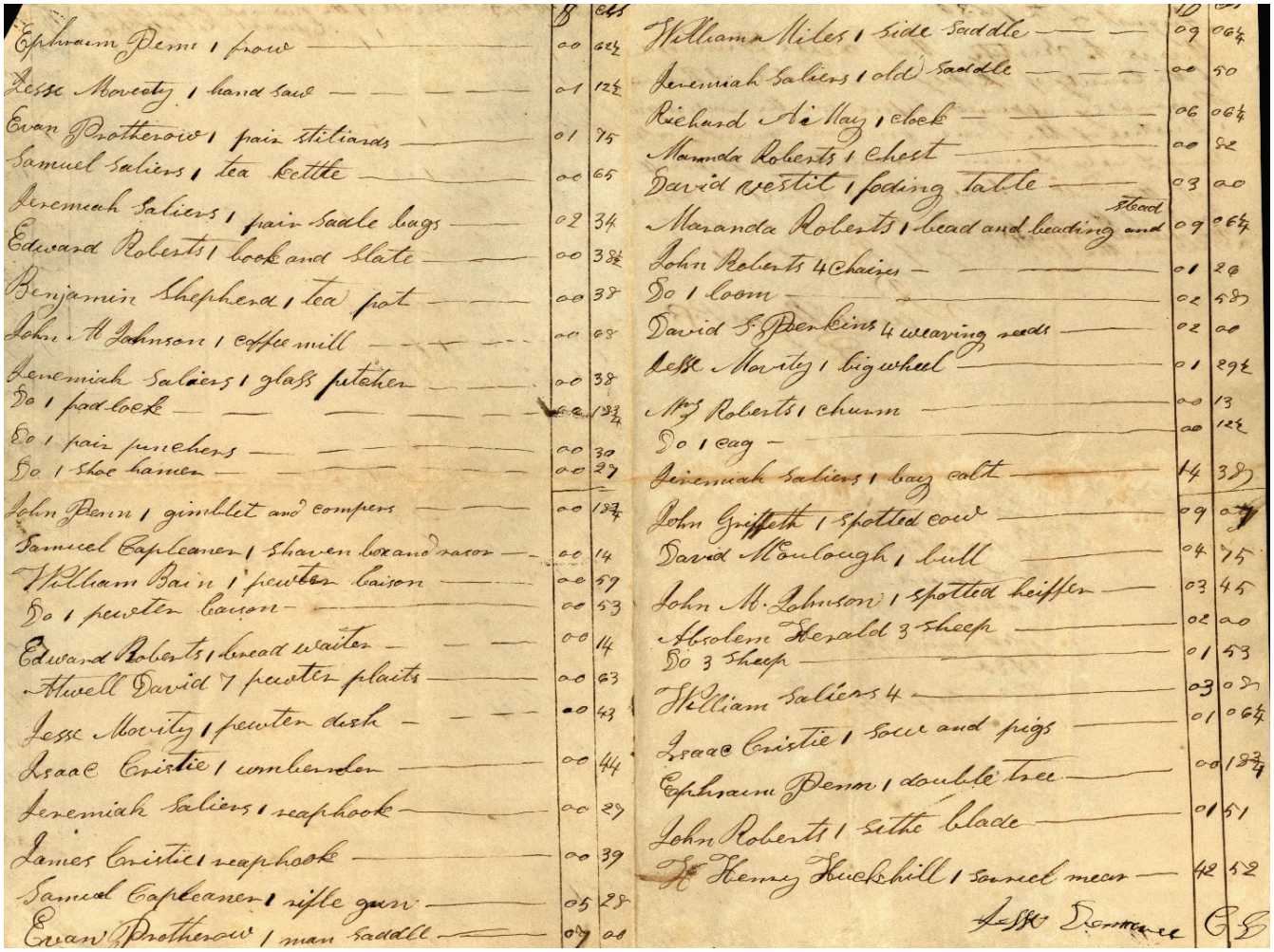
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C. Averitt, Clk

Edward Roberts Dr

Atwell David 1 plow Shear and Screws	00	50
Do 1 matax	00	79
Do 1 bell	00	96
Jesse Mavity 1 Cary plow	01	25
James Custen 1 flat trub	00	12½
Samuel Capleanen 1 barriel	00	12½
Henry Dick 1 meal barriel	00	12½
James Demaree 1 oven and lead	00	25
John Roberts 1 pot and bailes	01	07
Do 1 kettle and hookes	01	70
John Penn 2 pair clearises	00	56¼
Jesse Custen 2 weading hoes	00	06¼
Samuel Saliers 1 weading hoe	00	62½
Henry Huckhill 1 ax	00	76
Do 1 ax	00	26
Samuel Saliers 1 bell	01	00
Jeremiah Saliers 1 meal sifter	00	51
Samuel Capleanen 1 auger and chisel	00	37
Do 2 augers	00	62½
John Penn 1 flesh fork	00	08
John Griffeth 1 drawing knife	00	56¼
Samuel Capleanen 1 Sithe blade	00	71
Joseph Cambell 1 iron weag	00	37½
John Roberts 1 iron weag	00	50

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Ephraim Penn 1 prow	00	02½	William Miles 1 side saddle	09	06¼
Jesse Moveaty 1 hand saw	01	12½	Jeremiah Saliers 1 old saddle	00	50
Evan Protheroe 1 pair stiliards	01	75	Richard McMay 1 clock	06	06¼
Samuel Saliers 1 tea kettle	00	65	Maranda Roberts 1 chest	00	62
Jeremiah Saliers 1 pair saddle bags	02	34	David Vestit 1 soding table	03	00
Edward Roberts 1 book and slate	00	38½	Maranda Roberts 1 head and heading and steed	09	06¼
Benjamin Shepherd 1 tea pot	00	38	John Roberts 4 chaires	01	20
John M Johnson 1 coffee mill	00	08	Do 1 loom	02	50
Jeremiah Saliers 1 glass pitcher	00	38	David & Perkins 4 weaving reeds	02	00
Do 1 padlock	00	18¾	Jesse Moritz 1 big wheel	01	29½
Do 1 pair punchers	00	30	Mrs Roberts 1 churn	00	13
Do 1 shoe hamer	00	27	Do 1 cag	00	12½
John Penn 1 gimblet and compers	00	18¾	Jeremiah Saliers 1 bay colt	14	38
Samuel Capleaner 1 shaven box and razor	00	14	John Griffeth 1 spotted cow	09	00
William Bain 1 pewter baison	00	59	David Monlough 1 bull	04	75
Do 1 pewter baison	00	53	John M. Johnson 1 spotted heiffer	03	45
Edward Roberts 1 bread waiter	00	14	Absolem Herald 3 sheep	02	00
Howell David 7 pewter plaits	00	63	Do 3 sheep	01	53
Jesse Moritz 1 pewter dish	00	43	William Saliers 4	03	00
Isaac Cristie 1 cumbenden	00	44	Isaac Cristie 1 sow and pigs	01	06¼
Jeremiah Saliers 1 reaphook	00	27	Ephraim Penn 1 double tree	00	18¾
James Cristie 1 reaphook	00	39	John Roberts 1 sithe blade	01	51
Samuel Capleaner 1 rifle gun	05	25	Henry Huckbill 1 sawed mear	42	52
Evan Protheroe 1 man saddle	07	00	Jesse Dennis		

Transcript

Sale Bill of the Personal Property of Edward Roberts
Filed August 4th 1830

Signed by C. Overturf, Clk

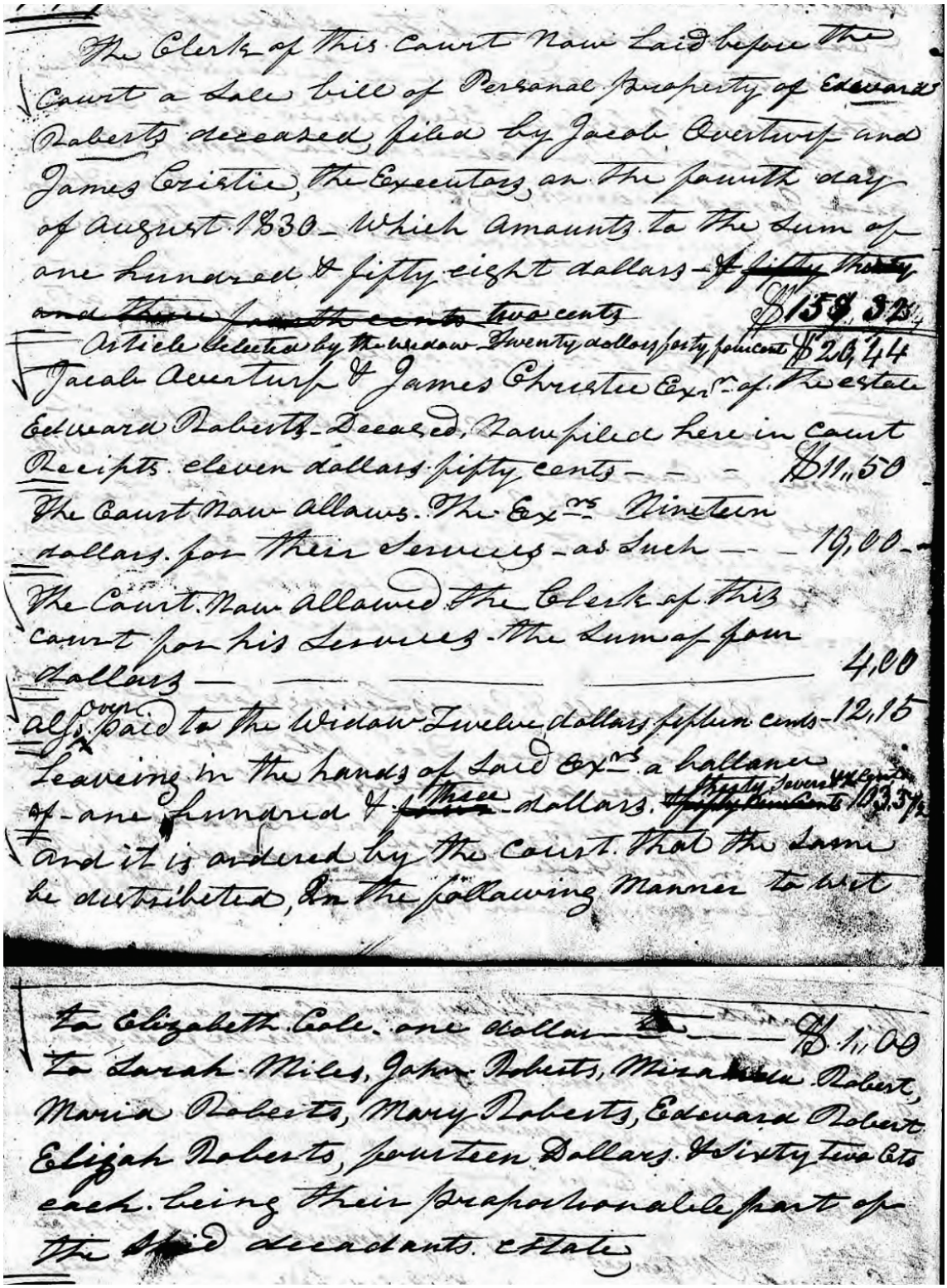
		$	cts
Atwell David	1 plow shear and screws	00	50
Do	1 mat ax	00	79
Do	1 bell	00	96
Jesse Mority	1 Cary plow	01	25
James Custer	1 fat tub	00	12 1/2
Samuel Capleaner	1 barrel	00	12 1/2
Henry Dick	1 meal barrel	00	18 3/4
John Roberts	1 pot and bailer	01	07
Do	1 kettle and hookes	01	70
John Denn	2 pair cleavises	00	56 1/4
Jesse Custer	2 weeding hoes	00	06 1/4
Samuel Saliers	1 weeding hoe	00	62 1/2
Henry Hucksbill	1 ax	00	76
Do	1 ax	00	26
Samuel Saliers	1 bell	01	00
Jeremiah Saliers	1 meal sifter	00	51
Samuel Capleaner	1 auger and chisel	00	39
Do	1 augers	00	62 1/2
John Penn	1 flesh fork	00	08
John Griffeth	1 drawing knife	00	56 1/4
Samuel Capleaner	1 sithe blade	00	71
Joseph Cambell	1 iron wedge	00	38
John Roberts	1 iron wedge	00	50
Ephraim Penn	1 frow	00	62 1/2
Jesse Mority	1 hand saw	01	12 1/2
Evan Pratherow	1 pair stilyards	01	75
Samuel Saliers	1 tea kettle	00	65
Jeremiah Saliers	1 pair saddle bags	02	34
Edward Roberts	1 book and slate	00	38 1/2
Benjamin Shepherd	1 tea pot	00	38
John H Johnson	1 coffee mill	00	68
Jeremiah Saliers	1 glass picher	00	38
Do	1 padlock	00	18 3/4
Do	1 Shoe hammer	00	27
John Penn	1 gimblet and compers	00	18 3/4
Samuel Capleaner	1 shaven box and razor	00	14
William Bain	1 pewter Caison	00	59
Do	1 pewter Caison	00	53
Edward Roberts	1 bread waiter	00	14

		$	cts
Atwell David	7 pewter plaits	00	63
Jesse Mority	1 pewter dish	00	43
Isaac Christie	1 _____	00	44
Jeremiah Saliers	1 reap hook	00	27
James Christie	1 reap hook	00	39
Samuel Capleaner	1 rifle gun	05	28
Evan Pratherow	1 man saddle	07	00
William Miles	1 side saddle	09	06 1/4
Jeremiah Saliers	1 old saddle	00	50
Richard Aillay	1 clock	06	06 1/4
Maranda Roberts	1 chest	00	82
David Vestil	1 foding table	03	00
Maranda Roberts	1 bead and beading and stead	09	06 1/4
John Roberts	4 chairs	01	26
Do	1 loom	02	58
David S. Perkins	4 weaving reeds	02	00
Jesse Mority	1 big wheel	01	29 1/2
Mary Roberts	1 churn	00	13
Do	1 cag	00	12 1/2
Jeremiah Saliers	1 bay colt	14	38
John Griffeth	1 spotted cow	09	07
David McCoulough	1 bull	04	75
John H. Johnson	1 spotted heifer	03	45
Absolem Herald	3 sheep	02	00
Do	3 sheep	01	53
William Saliers	4	03	08
Isaac Christie	1 sow and pigs	01	06 1/4
Ephraim Penn	1 double tree	00	18 3/4
John Roberts	1 sithe blade	01	51
Henry Luckhill	1 sorrel mare	42	52

Signed by Jesse Demaree

Figure 1.18

Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Order of Distribution



The Clerk of this Court Now Laid before the Court a Sale bill of Personal property of Edward Roberts deceased, filed by Jacob Overturf and James Christie, the Executors, on the fourth day of August 1830 - Which Amounts to the Sum of one hundred & fifty eight dollars - ~~& fifty three~~ and ~~three~~ ~~fourth cents~~ two cents $158.32

Article Selected by the Widow Twenty dollars forty four cents $20.44

Jacob Overturf & James Christie Exrs. of the estate Edward Roberts - Deceased, Now file here in Court Receipts eleven dollars fifty cents - - - $11.50

The Court Now allows the Exrs Nineteen dollars for their Services - as Such - - 19.00

The Court Now allowed the Clerk of this Court for his Services the Sum of four dollars - - - - 4.00

also paid to the Widow Twelve dollars fifty cents - 12.15

Leaveing in the hands of said Exrs a balance of one hundred & ~~three~~ dollars. ~~Thirty seven cents~~ 103.37½

And it is ordered by the Court that the same be distributed, in the following Manner to wit

To Elizabeth Cole one dollar - - - $1.00

To Sarah Miles, John Roberts, Miranda Robert, Maria Roberts, Mary Roberts, Edward Robert Elijah Roberts, fourteen Dollars ~~Sixty~~ two Cts each being their proportionable part of the said deceadants estate

"Indiana, Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry,* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663848_00260 : accessed 21 Oct 2021), Ripley > Probate Order Book, Vol A, 1818-1837; Probate Order Book, Vol B, 1837-1843 > Images 64-65 of 457.

Transcript

The Clerk of this Court now Laid before the Court a Sale bill of Personal property of Edward Roberts, deceased, filed by Jacob Overturf and James Christie, the Executors, on the fourth day of August 1830 which amounts to the sum of one hundred & fifty eight dollars & thirty two cents - $158.32.

Article selected by the widow Twenty dollars forty four cents - $20.44

Jacob Overturf & James Christie Exrs of the estate Edward Roberts, Deceased, now filed here in court Receipts eleven dollars fifty cents - $11.50

The Court now allows the Exrs Nineteen dollars for their Services, as such - 19.00

The Court now allowed the Clerk of this court for his Services the sum of four dollars - 4.00

Also over paid to the widow Twelve dollars fifteen cents - 12.15

Leaving in the hands of Said Ex^{rs} a balance of one hundred & three dollars thirty seven cents - $103.37

And it is ordered by the Court that the same be distributed in the following manner, to wit

to Elizabeth Cole. One dollar - $1.00

to Sarah Miles, John Roberts, Miranda Roberts, Maria Roberts, Mary Roberts, Edward Roberts, Elijah Roberts, fourteen Dollars & sixty two cents each, being their proportional part of the said decedants estate.

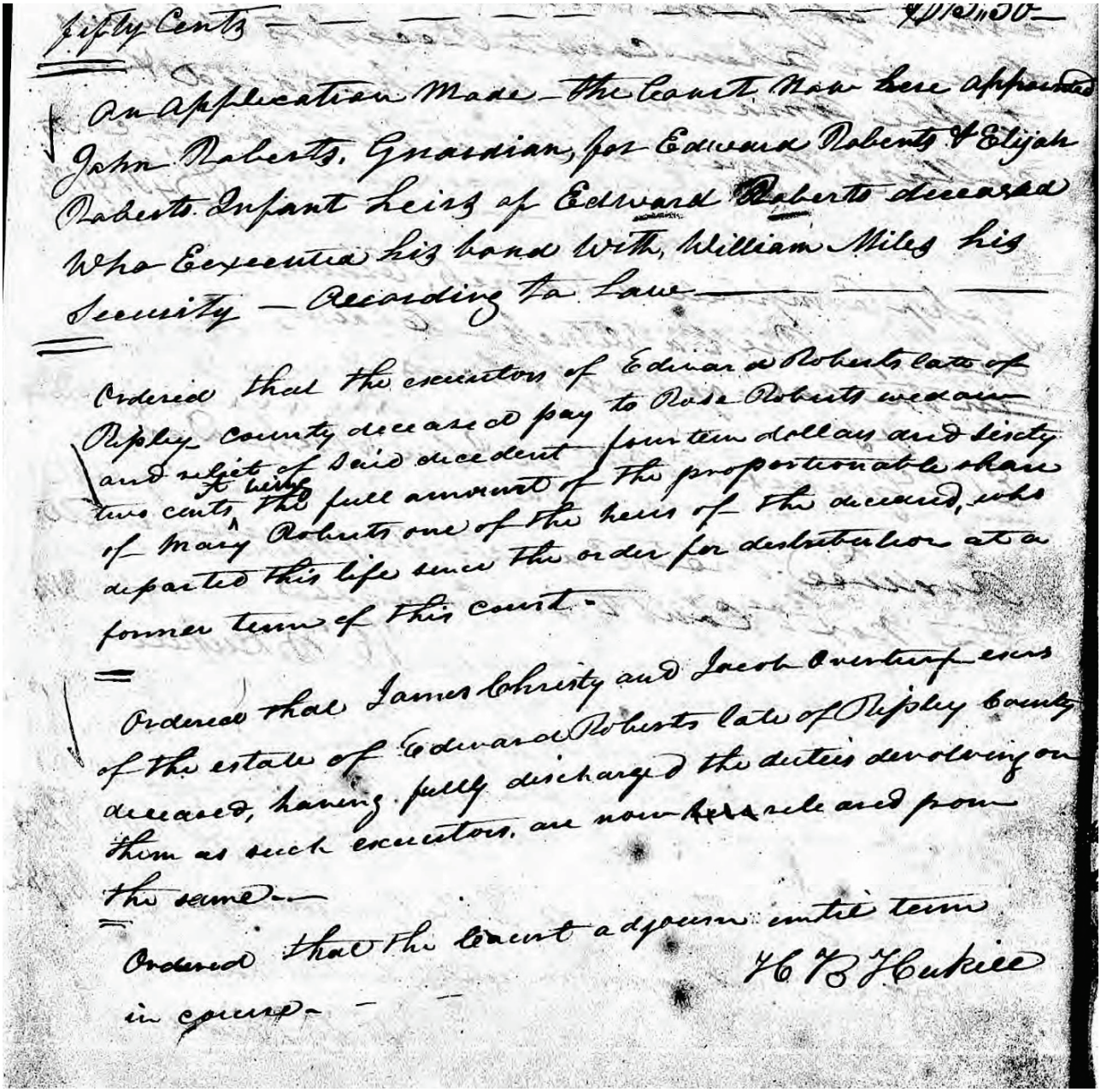
Figure 1.19

Edward Roberts[1] Probate

A. Appointment of Guardian

B. Distribution of Mary Roberts[8] Inheritance

C. Discharge of Executors



Fifty Cents — — —

Transcript

Appointment of John Roberts[4] Guardian of Edward[9] and Elijah[10]

An application made – the court now here appointed John Roberts guardian for Edward Roberts & Elijah Roberts infant heirs of Edward Roberts deceased who executed his bond with William Miles his security – according to Law

Distribution of Mary's[8] Inheritance to Rose

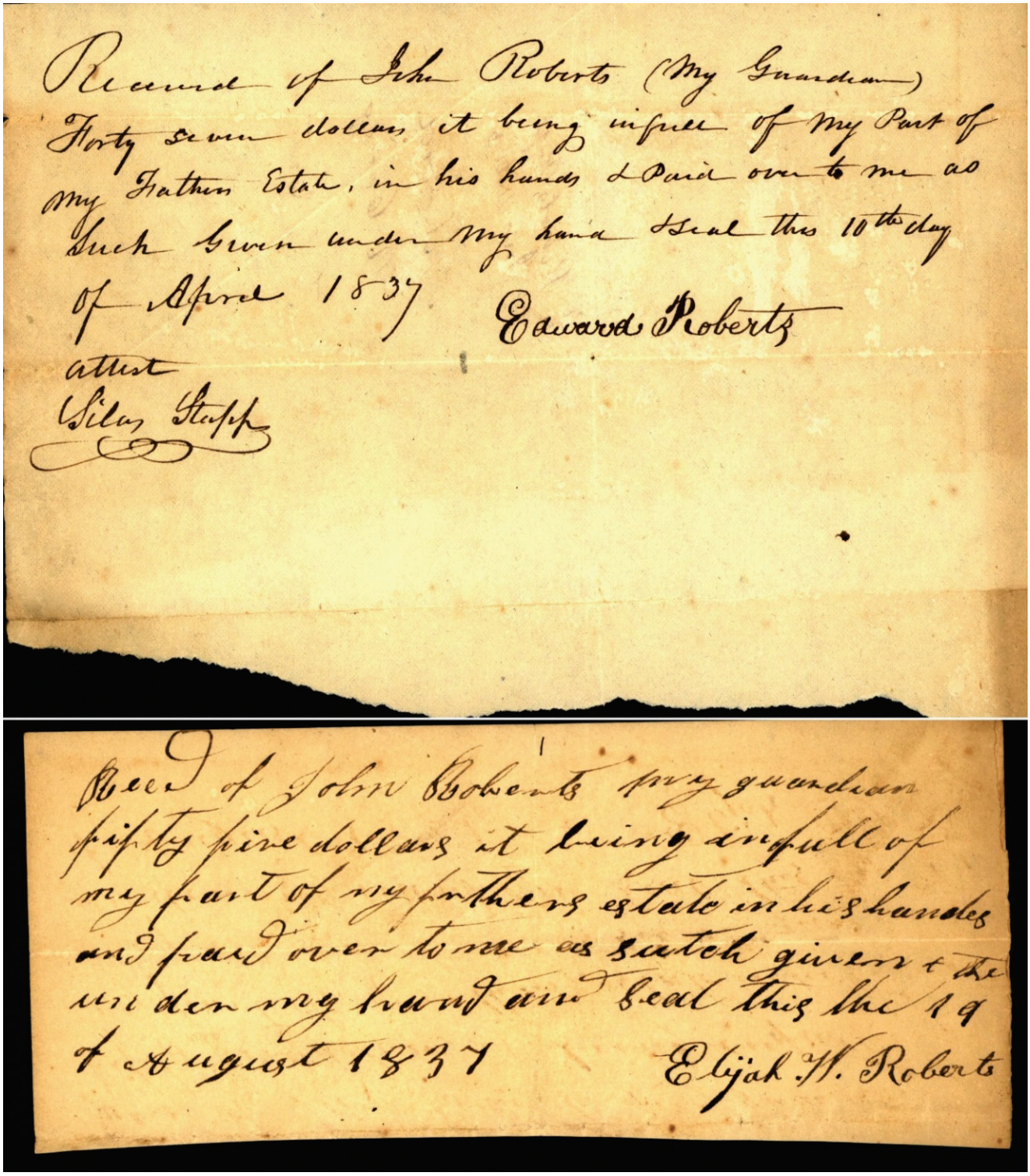
Ordered that the executors of Edward Roberts late of Ripley County deceased pay to Rose Roberts widow and relict of said decedent fourteen dollars and sixty two cents it being the full amount of the proportionable share of Mary Roberts one of the heirs of the deceased, who departed this life since the order for distribution at a former term of this court.

Discharge of James Christie and Jacob Overturf as Executors

Ordered that James Christy and Jacob Overturf exrs of the estate of Edward Roberts late of Ripley County deceased, having fully discharged the duties devolving on them as such executors are now released from the same.

Figure 1.20

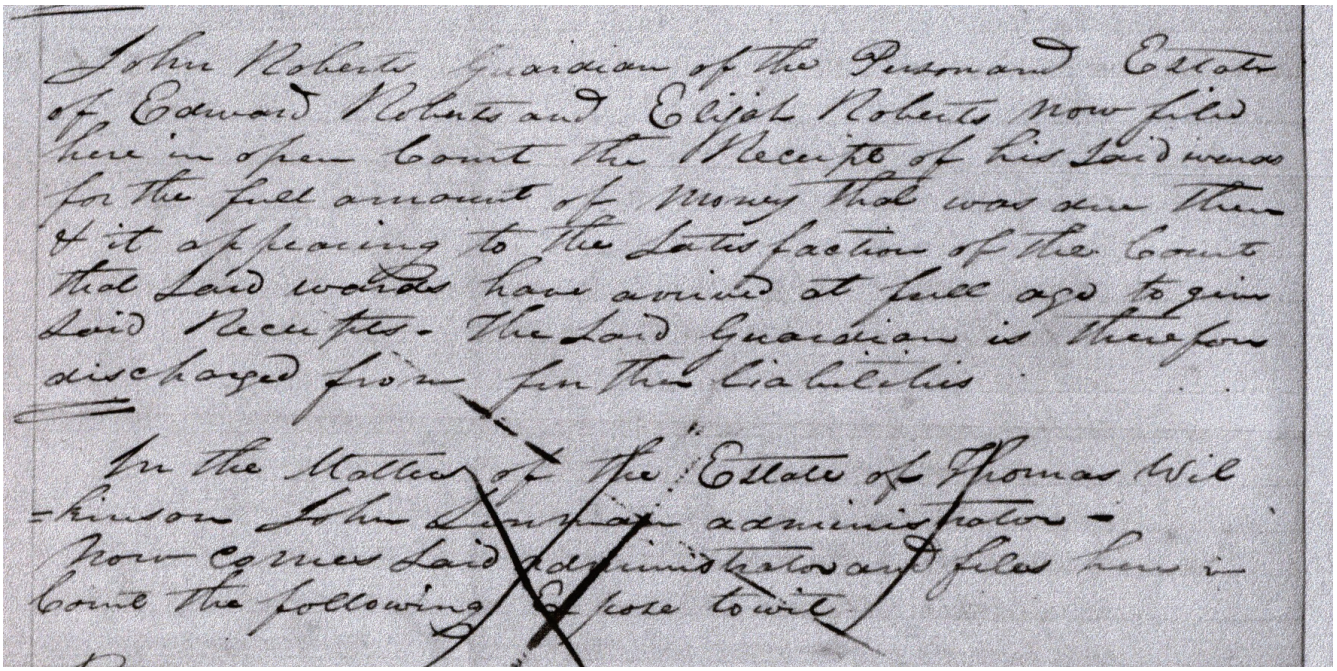
Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Edward[9] and Elijah W. Roberts[10] Estate Settlements



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Figure 1.21

Edward Roberts[1] Probate – John Roberts[4] Release from Guardianship



John Roberts Guardian of the Personal Estate of Edward Roberts and Elijah Roberts now filed here in open Court the Receipts of his said wards for the full amount of Money that was due them & it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that said wards have arrived at full age to give said Receipts. The said Guardian is therefore discharged from further liabilities

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Wilkinson John Dunlap administrator - Now comes said administrator and files here in Court the following Proceedings to wit

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Generation 2

2. ELIZABETH (b. abt. 1801, d. aft. Aug 1854)

Birth: abt. 1801 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: 27 Oct 1825 to Jesse Cole in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1771; d. bef. 25 Jul 1857 in Ripley County, Indiana).

- Elizabeth Ann Cole
  - b. 4 Feb 1828 in Kentucky.
  - m. 5 Aug 1847 to Elijah Jones in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 5 Jan 1819 in Indiana; d. 29 Nov 1899)
  - d. 14 Aug 1912 in Saint Clair, Saint Clair County, Michigan.
- Henry Clay Cole
  - b. 1838 in Indiana, likely Ripley County.
  - m1. Nellie Cole.[1]
  - m2. 29 Aug 1872 to Mary E. Crilly in Howard County, Indiana (b. abt. 1851 in Indiana; d. 13 Mar 1930 in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana).
  - d. 19 Sep 1881 in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana.
- Possibly two additional children
  - Female b. 1826-1830.
  - Male b. 1831-1835.

Death: aft. Aug 1854.

Elizabeth is the oldest child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. She was born abt. 1801 in Kentucky, likely in Clark County as this is where her parents were married and living at the time. The Roberts family is reflected in the 1810 Clark County census, with Elizabeth enumerated as one of the females under 10 years of age.[2]

- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1819, Elizabeth's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Elizabeth enumerated as one of the females in the 17-26 year old range.[3,4]

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[1] Morrow, Jackson, History of Howard County, Indiana, Vol. I, B. F. Bowen & Company, Indianapolis, 1909, pp. 292-295 (https://archive.org/details/historyofhowardc01morr : accessed 18 Dec 2021). Identifies first wife of Henry as "Nellie Cole" but provides no further information about her.
[2] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky.
[3] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

Fun Factoid
Jesse Cole, known in life as impulsive, self-willed, and thoroughly determined, is a great grand uncle of the outlaws, Frank and Jesse James (*Frank & Jesse James > Zerelda Elizabeth Cole > James Cole > Richard J. Cole [brother of Jesse Cole])*.

On 27 Oct 1825, Elizabeth married Jesse Cole in Ripley County, Indiana. Five days prior to their marriage, Jesse and Elizabeth entered into an ante-nuptial contract, which had the effect of ensuring Elizabeth would have no claim to Jesse's estate should she outlive him. Under its terms, all of Elizabeth's personal property and effects which she brought to the marriage would be for the benefit of them both during their marriage. If she outlived him, in lieu of dower, her personal property and effects brought to the marriage would be returned. The contract was witnessed by Edward Roberts, John Demaree, and Zachariah Roberts. Since Elizabeth's brother, Edward, would have been about 10 years old at this time, I believe the witness, Edward, is Elizabeth's father as he was still living in 1825. Zachariah is her brother.[5,6]

I have confirmed at least two children were born to Elizabeth and Jesse. Elizabeth Ann, was born in Kentucky on 4 Feb 1828 and their son, Henry Clay, was born in 1838 in Ripley County, Indiana. Henry has an interesting history, so a short biographical sketch for him is presented in Appendix 2.1.[7]

The 1840 census for Ripley County suggests two additional children may have been born to Elizabeth and Jesse. We also find that Jesse was engaged in agriculture. That census identifies the following members of the Jesse Cole household:[8]

- White male < 5 – 1 (Henry Clay)
- White male 5-9 – 1 (Unknown male)
- White male 60-69 – 1 (Jesse Cole)
- White female 10-14 – 2 (Elizabeth Ann and unknown female)
- White female 30-39 – 1 (Elizabeth[2])

Prior to his marriage to Elizabeth, Jesse had been married to Nancy Sparks, with whom he had seven children. Nancy passed away about 1815 in Ripley County. Their youngest child was born in 1806, so neither of the unknown children in the 1840 census could be from Jesse's first marriage.

[5] Figure 2.1. Elizabeth Roberts[2] & Jesse Cole Marriage Record.
[6] Figure 2.2. Elizabeth Roberts[2] – Jesse Cole Ante-nuptial Contract.
[7] Figure 2.3. Elizabeth Ann (Cole) Jones Death Certificate.
[8] Figure 2.4. 1840 United States Federal Census – Johnson Township, Ripley County, Indiana.

Divorce from Jesse Cole[9,10,11]

After nearly 22 years of marriage, Elizabeth filed for divorce from Jesse on 11 Aug 1847. If the allegations laid out by Elizabeth in her eight-page Bill of Complaint are true, Jesse was quite abusive toward her.

In the Complaint, Elizabeth states that soon after their marriage, Jesse engaged in a course of "the most cruel & inhuman treatment ever adopted by a man towards his wife," more like "the treatment of a tyrant than a man," and that such treatment continued until she was "compeled to abandon forever the bed & bord" of her husband.

Allegations included:

- whippings and abuse "in an [unconscionable] and inhuman manner" without cause or provocation;
- weekly beatings of such size and magnitude as to impair her health and ensure a burdensome life;
- threats to cut her throat with a knife;
- forced labor on the farm regardless of the weather;
- fed only bread and water and forbidden to sit at the same table with Jesse.

Elizabeth Roberts – Jesse Cole Divorce Papers

On 2 Aug 2019, I received 72 pages of Roberts-Cole divorce records from the Ripley County Historical Society, 125 N. Washington St., Versailles, Indiana. The records were identified as loose papers from a Civil Records file folder. A 6 Sep 2019 email noted that a final divorce decree could not be found.

Elizabeth further alleges she and Jesse lived together continuously until the last straw apparently occurred on 21 May 1847 when Jesse ordered her to "get on her knees before him" where he commenced whipping her with a cowhide across her back, arms and hips to the point she believed her life was endangered, then forced her to sleep in the barn that night. After this, she left the home.

In other proceedings, Elizabeth claims she did not sign the ante-nuptial contract, was not made aware of its contents, and that it was obtained by fraud. She alleges Jesse told her he had drawn up an instrument to satisfy his children with respect to his pending marriage and that the instrument would not affect her rights. Based on that representation, she did not object to it and Jesse signed it on her behalf.

Jesse's answer to Elizabeth's Bill paints a different picture of their marriage. He denied all of her allegations of cruel treatment and alleged that because of the 30-year difference in their ages, Elizabeth was essentially a gold digger – doing everything in her power to make their lives unhappy so she would have reason to divorce him and, through nullifying the ante-nuptial contract, get a part of his estate for which she is not entitled.

Elizabeth and Jesse's divorce was apparently granted before 25 Apr 1848 as on that date, Jesse married Elizabeth Hyatt in Ripley County, Indiana.

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[9] Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[10] Figure 2.6. Jesse Cole Answer to Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[11] "Indiana, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1802-1850," database index, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/75155:2087?ssrc=pt&tid=83705163&pid=292106305485 : accessed 22 Oct 2021).

Elizabeth's Post-Divorce Life[12,13]

After Elizabeth left Jesse in May 1847, she lived with brother John[4] and his family in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana as she is listed with the family in the 1850 census. At this time, John was an active member of West Fork Baptist Church, which was located in Ripley County, Indiana about a mile north of his farm. Elizabeth was received into church membership by relation on 26 Feb 1848 and was dismissed by letter on 19 Aug 1854. I have been unable to find a definitive record of Elizabeth after 1854, nor have I found her in the 1860 census; therefore, I cannot say whether or not she had passed away prior to the 1860 census or had remarried to an as yet unknown man.

Final Thoughts

Before leaving Elizabeth, a few twists to her story need to be put to rest. Sometimes while researching an individual in our family tree, we find family genealogies of an individual purported to be our person of interest because they have the same name, are living in the correct location and are the correct age to be our person of interest yet, upon deeper research, we discover that history is ascribed to the wrong person. Such is the case with Elizabeth and in these cases, it is prudent to thoroughly explain why the history ascribed to our person of interest is not correct, lest future researchers make the same mistakes. The following proof argument dispels the following incorrect claims about our Elizabeth found in some family histories:

- the Elizabeth Roberts who married Jesse Cole is a daughter of a George Roberts, also of Ripley County, Indiana;
- Elizabeth was a bigamist, marrying other men in Ripley County while still married to Jesse Cole; and
- the Elizabeth and Jesse Cole divorce was the first divorce recorded in Ripley County.

Question 1. Is Edward Roberts's[1] daughter, Elizabeth[2], the correct spouse of Jesse Cole?

Answer. Yes.

Edward's 26 Dec 1826 will names each of his children by first name only. In pertinent part, his will states: "First, I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth, one dollar" then identifies Rosy as his wife and lists the names of his other eight children. The Order of Distribution of Edward's estate during the Nov 1831 term of the Ripley County Probate Court distributed one dollar to Elizabeth *Cole* and $14.62 to Edward's other children, except Zachariah[5].[14]

[12] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[13] Figure 2.7. West Fork Baptist Church – Elizabeth Cole[2] Admission & Dismission.
[14] See Figure 1.13. Edward Roberts[1] Will and Figure 1.18. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Order of Distribution

From this order of distribution, we can conclude Elizabeth married someone named "Cole" prior to the Nov 1831 Court term. We know Elizabeth's marriage to Jesse Cole took place 27 Oct 1825.

The divorce papers of Elizabeth and Jesse Cole also help shed some light.

A. On 22 Oct 1825, Elizabeth Roberts and Jesse Cole entered into an ante-nuptial contract. Witnesses to the contract were Edward Roberts, John Demaree, and Zachariah Roberts. Elizabeth's brother, Edward[9], would have been too young in 1825 to sign a legal document, but her father Edward[1] was still alive. Elizabeth's brother Zachariah[5] was just coming of age to have been able to sign a legal document.

B. On 11 Aug 1847, Elizabeth filed for divorce from Jesse in Ripley County, Indiana, after having left him on 21 May 1847. As part of the proceedings, subpoenas were issued to a number of individuals connected to Elizabeth.

- One was issued to "John Roberts and wife," who resided in Jefferson County, Indiana. Elizabeth's brother John[4] and his wife Jane (Salyers) Roberts were living in Jefferson County for the 1850 census, so the subpoena could be for Elizabeth's brother and sister-in-law.
- Another subpoena was issued to "Isaac Christie and wife," who resided in Ripley County. Elizabeth's nephew, William Roberts[11] was married to Sarah Christie. Her father Isaac Christie and his wife were living in Ripley County for both the 1840 and 1850 census.

C. Other surnames identified in the divorce records are known to be associated with this Roberts family through marriages – Christie, Demaree, Miles, and Salyers.

Census records also help. In the 1850 census for Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana we find an Elizabeth *Cole* living in the same household as John[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts. Based on Edward Roberts's[1] will and probate, we can conclude this Elizabeth Cole must be John's sister.

Now, let's turn our attention to Jesse's will. His will was written 26 Oct 1853 and makes the following pronouncement: "I give unto that unfortunate woman who Eloped from me, formerly Elizabeth Roberts five Dollars to buy her a good Bible that she may learn the truth and value of truth and Virtue and her duty to God and man." This clearly shows Jesse's former wife's maiden name is Elizabeth Roberts.

Given that we have established the following:

- Edward Roberts's probate records identify a daughter Elizabeth Cole;
- the divorce proceedings identify a number of individuals associated with our Elizabeth (either by direct relation or surnames associated with the family via marriage);
- an Elizabeth *Cole* is living with John Roberts[4] and family in 1850; and
- Jesse's will acknowledges his former wife's maiden name as Elizabeth Roberts;

I believe we can reach…

CONCLUSION #1: Elizabeth Roberts[2], daughter of Edward Roberts, is the correct spouse for Jesse Cole.

Question 2. Was Elizabeth married to multiple men?

Answer. No.

A search of the Indiana State Library's online database of marriages up to 1850 for "Elizabeth Roberts" found only one to a man with the surname Cole – Jesse Cole on 24 Oct 1825 in Ripley County. This is the marriage for our Elizabeth Roberts[2]. There were three other marriages listed in Ripley County for an Elizabeth Roberts:[15]

A. Matthew Markland on 26 Dec 1826
B. Gideon Johnson on 1 Oct 1836
C. Reason Shook on 2 May 1837

The records for these marriages do not identify the fathers of the bride or any additional clues as to who the fathers might be. The record for the Matthew Markland marriage is only the license; it does not have a return showing the marriage took place. Most researchers likely assume the Elizabeth Roberts who married Jesse Cole and these three men are all the same individual; however, this can be dispelled for at least one of them.

The Elizabeth Roberts who is a daughter of George Roberts is identified in George's 15 Oct 1844 will as Elizabeth *Markland*. Here, George's daughter's last name reflects the 26 Dec 1826 license for Elizabeth Roberts and Matthew Markland. If our Elizabeth Roberts married Jesse Cole in Oct 1825 and George's Elizabeth married Matthew Markland in Dec 1826, this certainly raises doubts about any definitive conclusion that it is our Elizabeth Roberts who married Jesse Cole, Matthew Markland, Gideon Johnson, and Reason Shook.[16]

What are we to make of Jesse's statement in his will that Elizabeth eloped from him? One meaning of "elope" is "to run away from one's husband with a lover." This definition fits with the belief Elizabeth was married to multiple men while married to Jesse. As will be shown, however, I think the evidence clearly favors definition #2 – "to slip away: ESCAPE."[17]

A. Elizabeth's Bill of Complaint alleges she and Jesse "continued to live together until the 21st day of May 1847" when Elizabeth left the home. Jesse did not dispute this in his answer. Since

[15] "Indiana Marriages Through 1850" (https://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/legacy/search.aspx?index=3; accessed 18 Dec 2021). Copies of the marriage records received 8 Jul 2019 from Alice Winslow, Librarian, Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library.
[16] Will of George Roberts. "Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/9045/007646283_00025?pid=719580 : accessed 18 Dec 2021), Ripley > Will Records, Vol B 1839-1862; Will Records Vol C, 1862-1877 > Images 61 & 62 of 524.
[17] Merriam-Webster online, Definition of elope, definitions 1b and 2 (https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/elope, accessed 18 Dec 2021). Also, see "The Changing Meaning of 'Elope,'" Merriam Webster online, https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/read-this-before-you-elope, accessed 1 Sep 2019. "Elope's meaning is shifting towards 'a small destination wedding' whereas it used to mean 'to runaway and secretly get married,' and before that 'for a married woman to runaway with a new lover,' and even before that it just meant 'to escape or runaway' without the romantic context."

it would have been nearly impossible for Elizabeth and Jesse to "continue[] to live together" had she married three other men while still married to Jesse, I believe the evidence shows the Elizabeth Roberts's who married Matthew Markland in 1826, Gideon Johnson in 1836, and Reason Shook in 1837 is not the daughter of Edward Roberts[1].

B. Elizabeth's Bill of Complaint alleges many years of abuse by Jesse. The last straw was apparently the use of a cow hide on her on 21 May 1847, after which she left the home. We next find Elizabeth living with her brother John[4] and his wife in Jefferson County in the 1850 census, under the name Elizabeth *Cole*.

The alleged abuse perpetrated against Elizabeth seems to be a perfect justification for her "to slip away" or to "escape" from Jesse. The fact she is still identified as Cole in the 1850 census gives credence to the thought she did not marry at any time between May 1847 and the 1850 census, and thus did not "elope" in the traditional sense of running away to get married or running away with a new lover.

C. Nothing in Jesse's answer to Elizabeth's Bill of Complaint alleges she left him for another man or married other men while married to him. If he believed this to be true, one would think he would have made that allegation in his answer.

D. Jesse states in his will that Elizabeth "eloped ***from***" [emphasis added] him, rather than having eloped ***with*** another man. His use of the word "from" in this context more strongly suggests "elope" has the meaning of "slip away" or "escape" *from* him, rather than running away "*with* a lover."

From this evidence, I believe we can reach…

CONCLUSION #2: Elizabeth Roberts did not marry multiple men while married to Jesse.

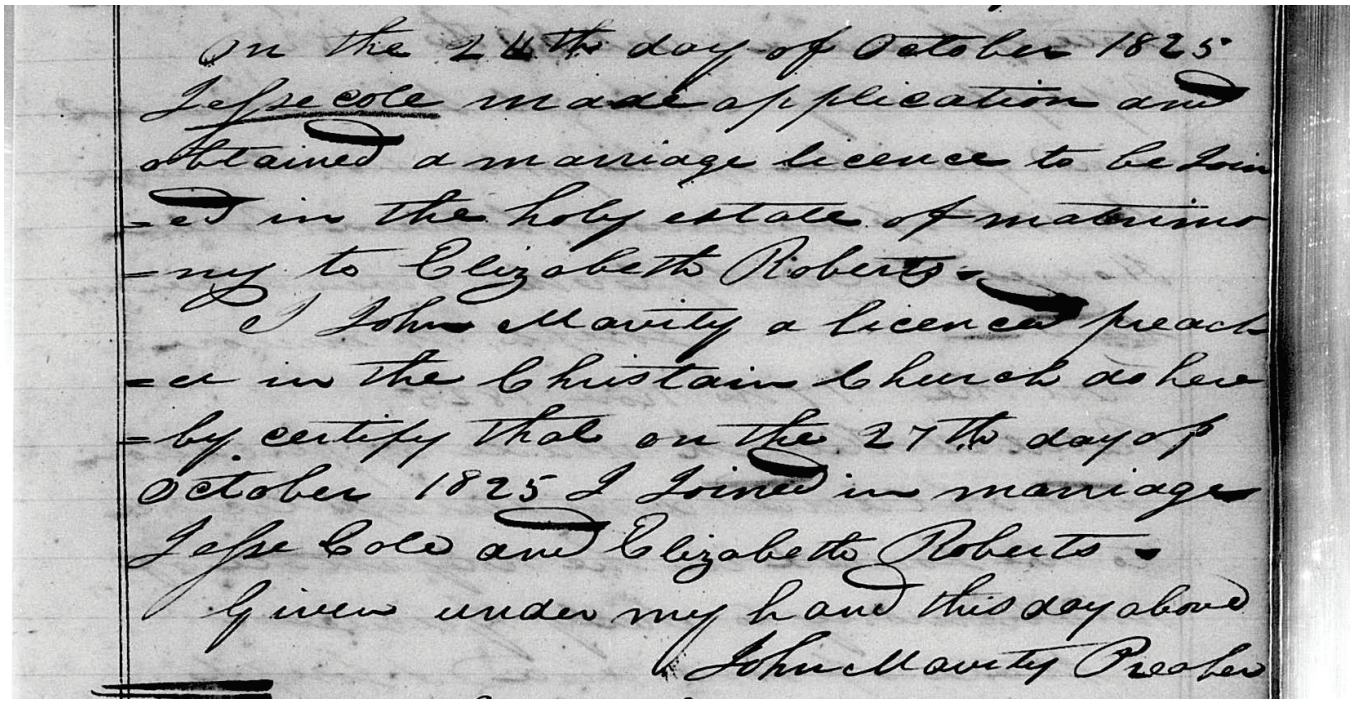
Question 3. Was the Jesse and Elizabeth Cole divorce in 1847 the first divorce in Ripley County?

Answer. No. The first was granted in 1819 to "Jesse Cold."[18]

[18] Figure 2.8. Excerpt from History and Directory of Ripley County.

Figure 2.1

Elizabeth Roberts[2] & Jesse Cole Marriage Record



On the 24th day of October 1825
Jesse Cole made application and
obtained a marriage licence to be join
-ed in the holy estate of matrimon
-my to Elizabeth Roberts.
I John Mauity a licenced preach
-er in the Christain Church do here
-by certify that on the 27th day of
October 1825 I Joined in marriage
Jesse Cole and Elizabeth Roberts.
Given under my hand this day above
John Mauity Preacher

Received 8 Jul 2019 from Indiana State Library, 315 W Ohio St, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Original source: Ripley County, Indiana, Clerk of Circuit Courts; Marriage Records of Ripley County, Indiana; Film #1311944; Item 1, Book 1: July 1818-Nov 1834.

Transcript

On the 24th day of October 1825 Jesse Cole made application and obtained a marriage license to be joined in the holy estate of matrimony to Elizabeth Roberts.

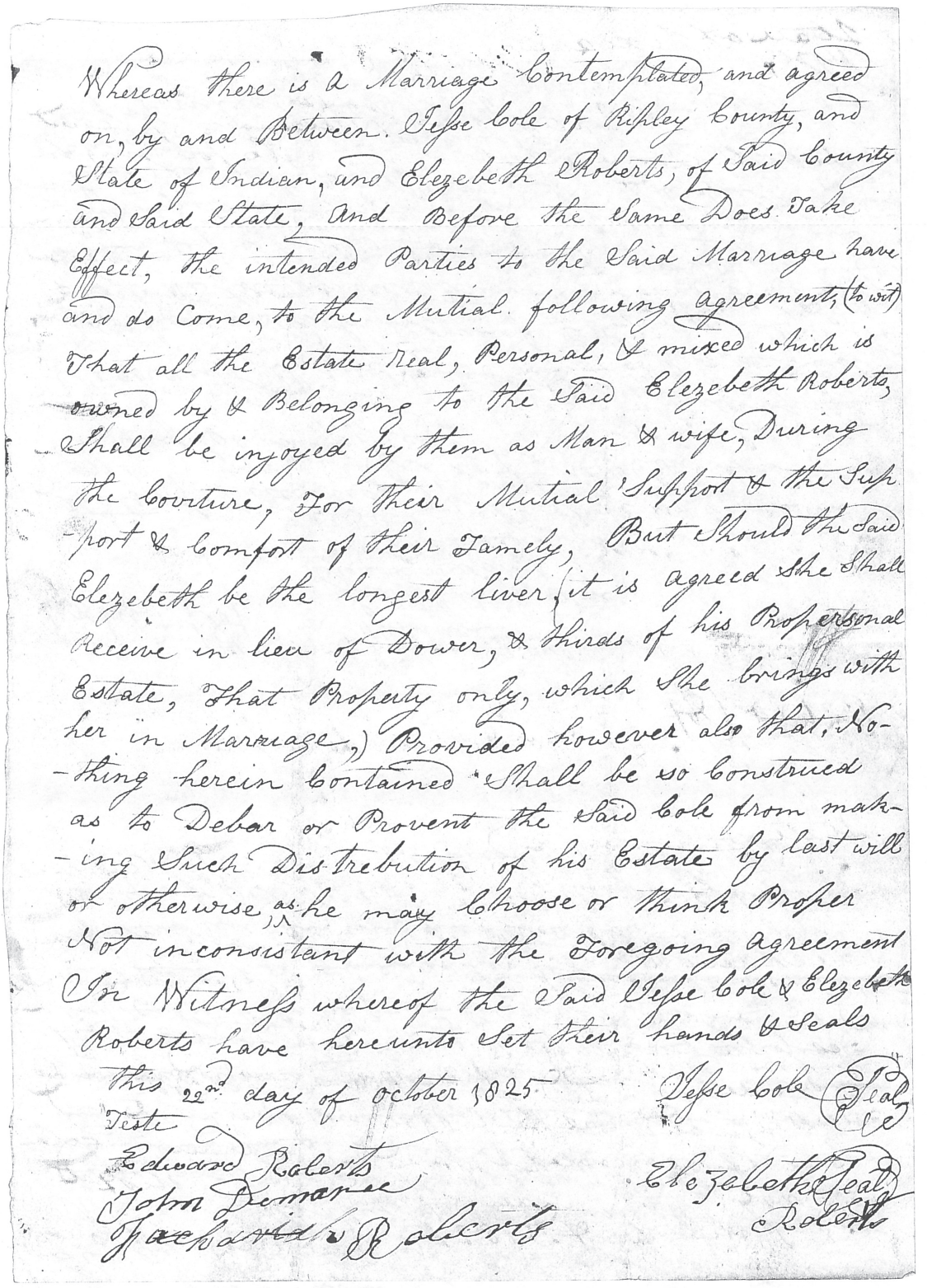
I John Mauity a licensed preacher in the Christian Church do hereby certify that on the 27th day of October 1825 I Joined in marriage Jesse Cole and Elizabeth Roberts.

Given under my hand this day above.

John Mauity, Preacher

Figure 2.2 (2 pages)

Elizabeth Roberts[2] – Jesse Cole Ante-nuptial Contract



Whereas there is a Marriage Contemplated, and agreed on, by and Between. Jesse Cole of Ripley County, and State of Indiana, and Elezebeth Roberts, of Said County and Said State, And Before the Same Does Take Effect, the intended Parties to the Said Marriage have and do Come, to the Mutual following agreement, (to wit) That all the Estate Real, Personal, & mixed which is owned by & Belonging to the Said Elezebeth Roberts, Shall be injoyed by them as Man & wife, During the Covture, For their Mutual Support & the Support & Comfort of their Family, But Should the Said Elezebeth be the longest liver, it is agreed She Shall Receive in lieu of Dower, & Thirds of his Properpersonal Estate, That Property only, which She brings with her in Marriage,) Provided however also that, Nothing herein Contained Shall be so Construed as to Debar or Provent the Said Cole from making Such Distrebution of his Estate by last will or otherwise, as he may Choose or think Proper Not inconsistant with the Foregoing agreement In Witness whereof the Said Jesse Cole & Elezebeth Roberts have hereunto Set their hands & Seals this 22nd day of october 1825

Jesse Cole Seal

Teste

Edward Roberts

John Demaree

Jackson Roberts

Elezebeth Seal Roberts

Received 2 Aug 2019 from Ripley County Historical Society, 125 N. Washington St., Versailles, Indiana. Identified as loose records from a Civil Records file folder.

State of Indiana
Ripley County ss. Before me Conrad Overlump
Recorder of Ripley County Personally appeared
Jesse Cole one of the signers to the foregoing in-
=strument and acknowledged the same to be his act
and Deed also personally appeared before me Ed-
=ward Roberts one of the subscribing Witnesses
to the same and being duly sworn deposeth
and saith that he saw Elizabeth Roberts sign
and seal the same as her act and deed
Given under my hand and seal this 24
day of Oct. 1825

C. Overlump Recorder
R C seal

Exhibit (A)

Marriage Contract J. Cole & E. Roberts
Recorded March the 2nd 1826 in Page 250 & 51 of book C. Overlump

State of Indiana
Ripley County ss. Before me Conrad Overlump
Recorder of Ripley County Personally appeared
Zachariah Roberts one of the subscribing witness
=es to the foregoing instrument who being duly
sworn deposeth and saith that he saw Elizabeth Re
=berts sign and seal the foregoing instrument and
heard her acknowledge the same to be her voluntary
=y act. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd
day of March A D 1826 C. Overlump R. R C seal

Transcript

Whereas there is a Marriage Contemplated, and agreed on, by and Between Jesse Cole of Ripley County, and State of Indiana, and Elezebeth Roberts, of Said County and Said State, and Before the Same Does Take Effect, the intended Parties to the Said Marriage have and do Come, to the Mutial following agreement, (to wit) That all the Estate real, Personal, & mixed which is owned by & Belonging to the Said Elezebeth Roberts, Shall be injoyed by them as Man & wife, During the Coverture, For their Mutial Support & the Support & Comfort of their Family, But Should the Said Elezebeth be the longest liver, (it is agreed She Shall Receive in lieu of Dower, & thirds of his Personal Estate, That Property only, which She brings with her in Marriage,) Provided however also that, Nothing herein Contained Shall be so Construed as to Debar or Provent the Said Cole from making Such Distribution of his Estate by last will or otherwise, as he may Choose or think Proper Not inconsistant with the Foregoing agreement

In Witness whereof the Said Jesse Cole & Elezebeth Roberts have hereunto Set their hands & Seals this 22nd day of October 1825.

Signed by Jesse Cole and Elizabeth Roberts

Witnessed by Edward Roberts, John Demaree, Zachariah Roberts

State of Indiana
Ripley County

Before me Conrad Overturf Recorder of Ripley County Personally appeared Jesse Cole one of the signors of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his act and Deed also personally appeared before me Edward Roberts one of the subscribing witnesses to the same and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he saw Elizabeth Roberts sign and seal the same as her act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this 24 day of Oct 1825.

Signed: C. Overturf, Recorder

Exhibit A

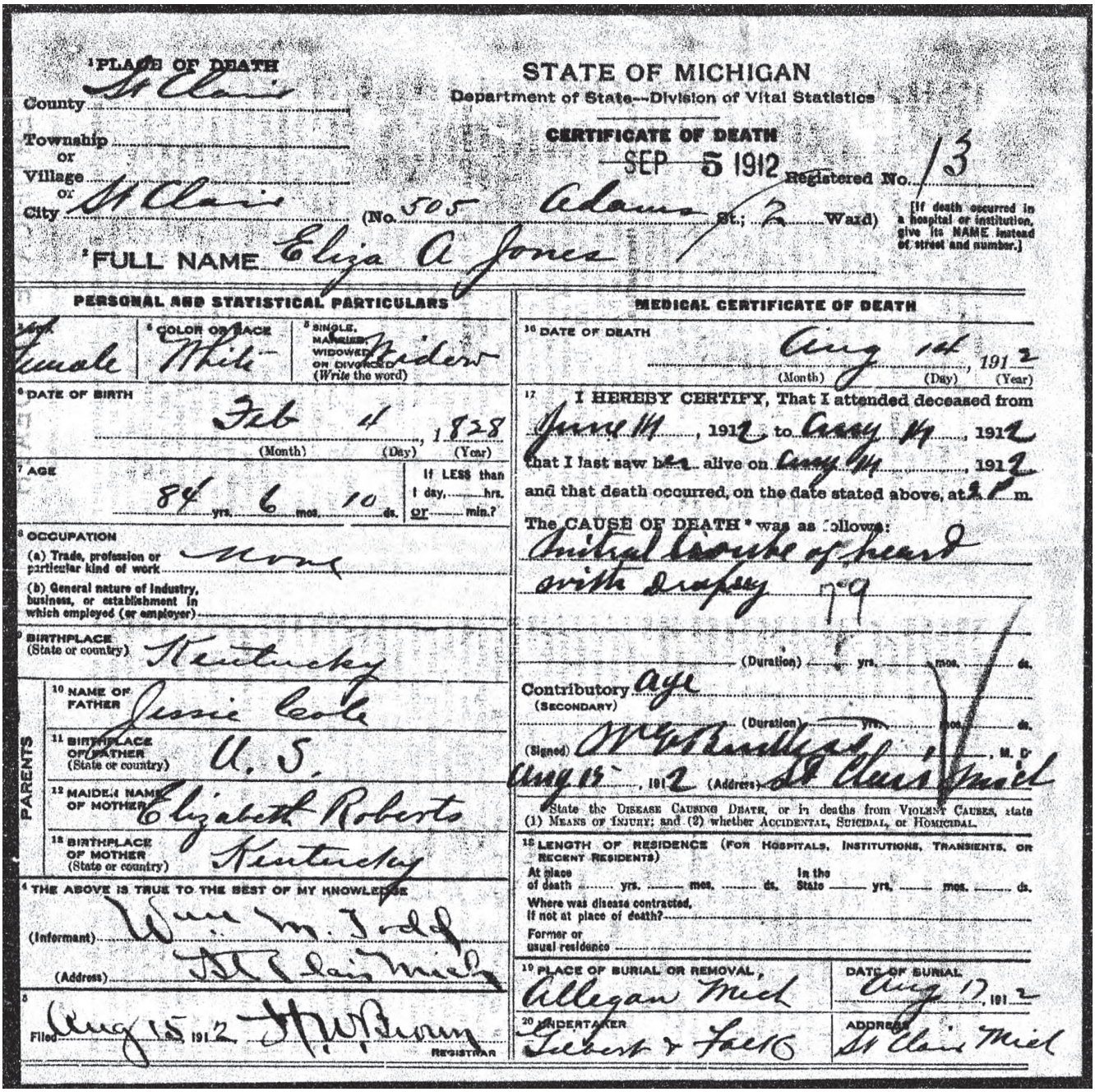
State of Indiana
Ripley County

Before me Conrad Overturf Recorder of Ripley County personally appeared Zachariah Roberts one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he saw Elizabeth Roberts sign and seal the foregoing instrument and heard her acknowledge the same to be her voluntary act. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of March AD 1826.

Signed: C. Overturf, Recorder

Figure 2.3

Elizabeth Ann (Cole) Jones Death Certificate



STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
SEP 5 1912 Registered No. 13

1 PLACE OF DEATH: County St Clair; Township or Village or City St Clair (No. 505 Adams St.; 2 Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME Eliza A Jones

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 Sex: Female
4 COLOR OR RACE: White
5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word): Widow
6 DATE OF BIRTH: Feb 4, 1828 (Month) (Day) (Year)
7 AGE: 84 yrs. 6 mos. 10 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
8 OCCUPATION: (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work: None; (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer):
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Kentucky

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER: Jessie Cole
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country): U. S.
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Elizabeth Roberts
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country): Kentucky

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Wm M. Todd
(Address) St Clair Mich
Filed Aug 15, 1912 H. W. Brown REGISTRAR

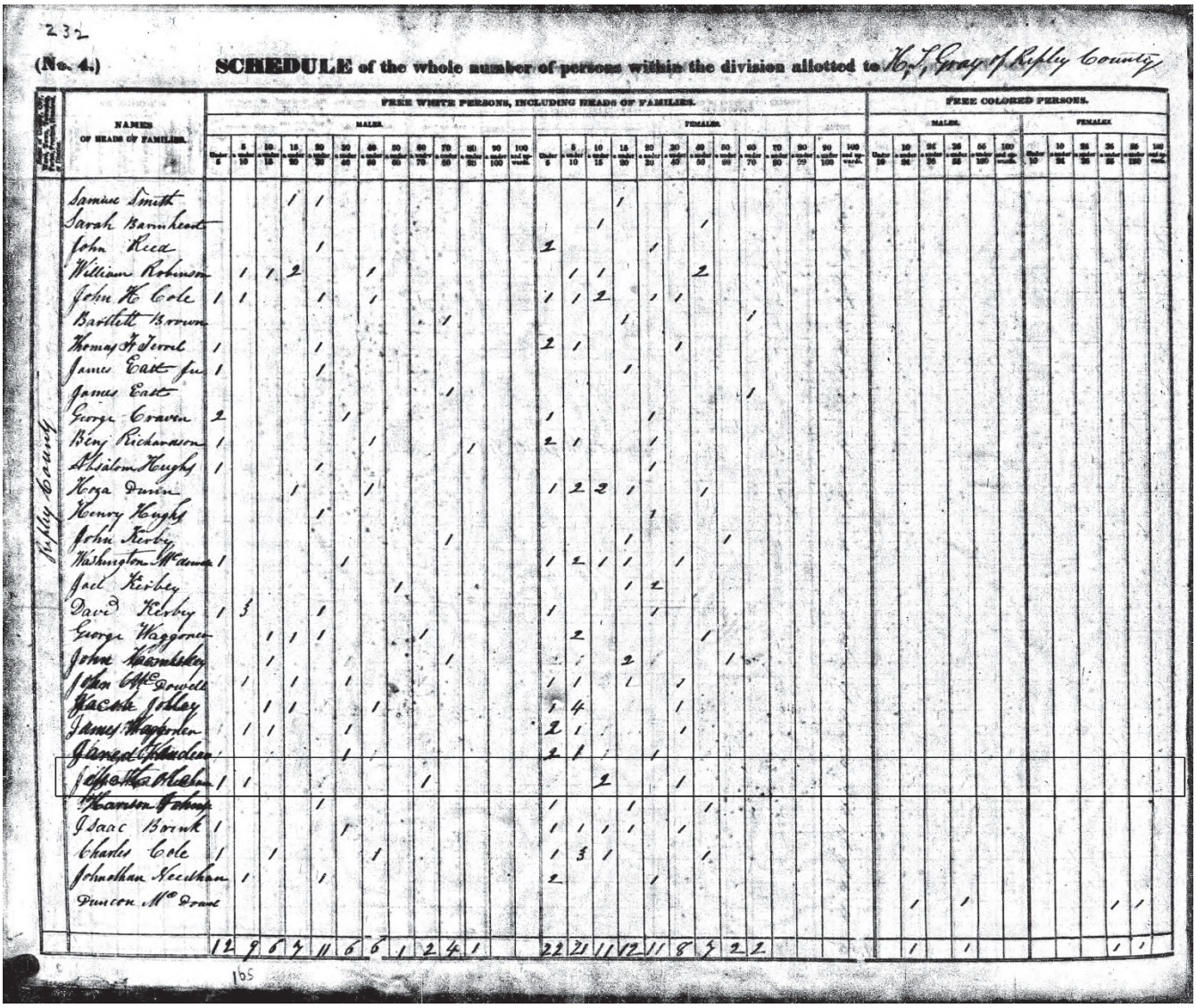
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH: Aug 1st, 1912 (Month) (Day) (Year)
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from June 11, 1912 to Aug 1, 1912
that I last saw h[illegible] alive on Aug 1, 1912
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2 P m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:
Mitral trouble of heart
with dropsy 7 9
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
Contributory age
(SECONDARY)
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) W. H. Bradley M. D
Aug 15, 1912 (Address) St Clair Mich
* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence
19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Allegan Mich
DATE OF BURIAL: Aug 17, 1912
20 UNDERTAKER: Tubert & Fales
ADDRESS: St Clair Mich

"Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_354821-01301?pId=3434665 : accessed 23 Oct 2021), Certificates, 1897-1920 > 174:Shiawassee-Washtenaw, 1912 > Image 1302 of 3233.

Figure 2.4 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Johnson Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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(No. 4.) **SCHEDULE** of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to Wm. T. Gray of Ripley County

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																								FREE COLORED PERSONS.											
	MALES.												FEMALES.												MALES.						FEMALES.					
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100 and upwards
Samuel Smith				1	1												1																			
Sarah Barnhurst																1			1																	
John Reed					1									2				1																		
William Robinson	1	1	2			1									1	1			2																	
John H. Cole	1	1			1		1							1	1	2		1	1																	
Bartlett Brown									1								1					1														
Thomas A. Terrell	1				1									2	1				1																	
James East Jr.	1				1												1																			
James East									1													1														
George Cravin	2					1								1				1																		
Benj Richardson	1						1				1			2	1			1																		
Absalom Hughy	1				1													1																		
Hezekiah Dunn				1			1							1	2	2	1			1																
Henry Hughy					1													1																		
John Kirby										1							1				1															
Washington M'Daniel	1					1								1	2	1	1		1																	
Jacob Kirby								1									1	2																		
David Kirby	1	3			1									1				1																		
George Waggoner			1	1	1				1						2				1																	
John Hambley			1							1							2				1															
John M'Connell	1		1		1									1	1		1		1																	
Jacob Jolley			1	1			1							1	4				1																	
James Waggoner	1	1	1			1								2	1				1																	
Jared Henderson						1								2	1			1																		
Jeffertha Nelson	1	1							1							2			1																	
Thornton Talbert					1									1			1			1																
Isaac Brink	1					1								1	1	1	1		1																	
Charles Cole	1		1				1							1	3	1			1																	
Johnathan Needham	1				1									2				1																	
Duncon M'Drane																											1		1					1	1	
	12	9	6	4	11	6	6	1	2	4	1			22	21	11	12	11	8	3	2	2					1		1					1	1	

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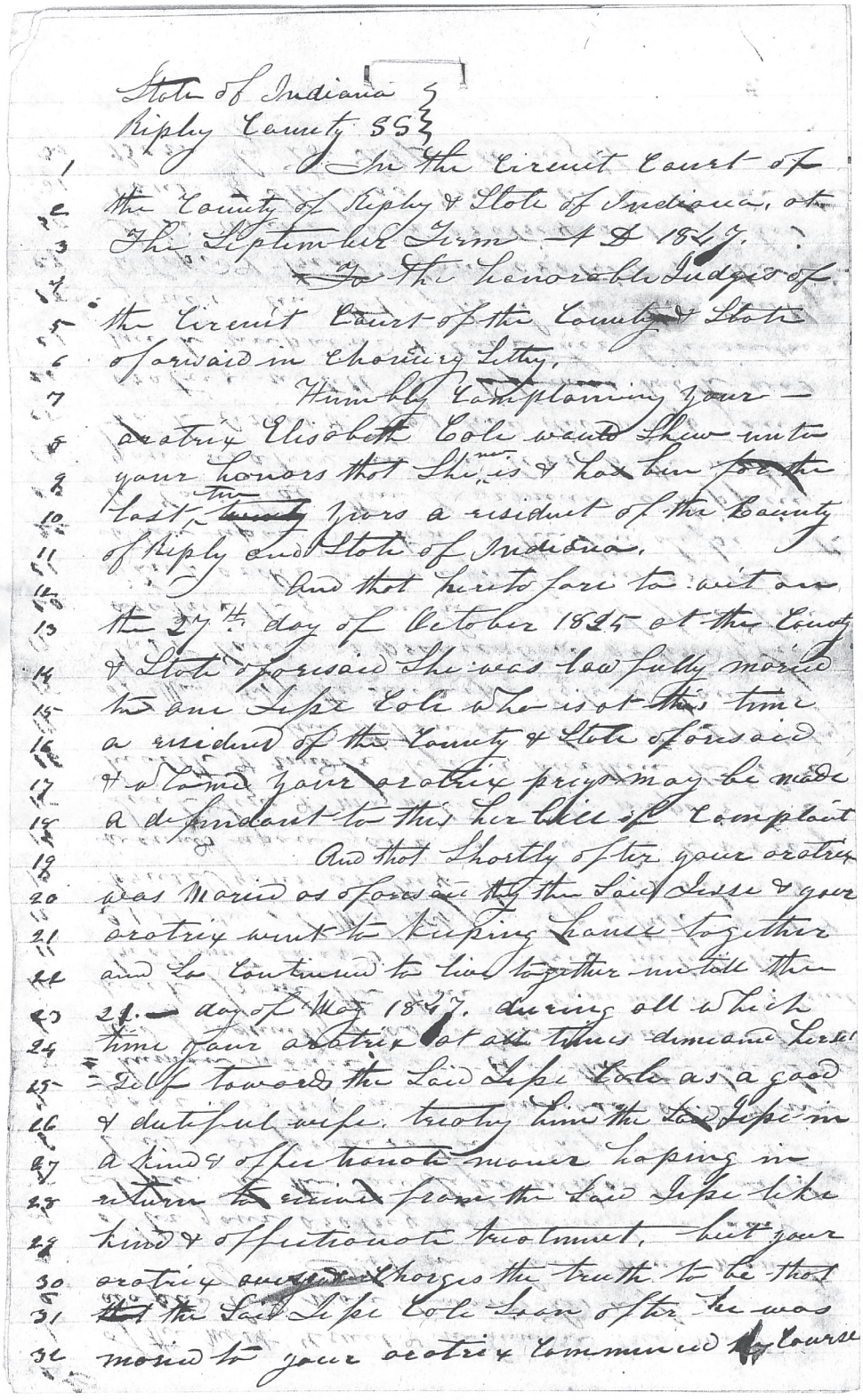
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Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce



State of Indiana }
Ripley County } SS

In the Circuit Court of the County of Ripley & State of Indiana, at the September Term A D 1847.

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of the County & State aforesaid in Chancery Sitting.

Humbly Complaining your orator Elisabeth Cole would Show unto your honors that She is & has been for the last two years a resident of the County of Ripley and State of Indiana.

And that heretofore to wit on the 27th day of October 1844 at the County & State aforesaid She was lawfully married to one Jesse Cole who is at this time a resident of the County & State aforesaid & to whom your orator prays may be made a defendant to this her bill of Complaint

And that Shortly after your orator was Married as aforesaid the Said Jesse & your orator went to keeping house together and so continued to live together until the 21st day of May 1847. during all which time your orator at all times demeaned herself towards the Said Jesse Cole as a good & dutiful wife. truely loving the said Jesse in a kind & affectionate manner hoping in return to receive from the said Jesse like kind & affectionate treatment. but your orator now Charges the truth to be that the Said Jesse Cole Soon after he was moved to your orator Commenced a course

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of the most cruel & inhuman treatment ever adopted by a man towards his wife.

That in about nine months after your oratrix was married to the said Lipe. he the said Lipe without any just cause or provocation whipped & abused your oratrix in the unreasonable & inhuman manner. And that the said Lipe did frequently & as often as once in each week from the time he commenced his cruel treatment towards your oratrix until the 21st day of May 1847. whip Strike beat & bruise your oratrix having bruises scars & wounds upon your oratrix which were of such size & magnitude as to impair her health & render life a burthen to her.

And that on or about the 21st day of May 1847. the said Lipe took without any just cause or provocation ordered your oratrix to get on her knees before him which order was obeyed by your oratrix & when upon her knees the said Lipe with a raw hide then commenced whipping your oratrix on and across the naked back arms & legs and did whip your oratrix until her health was much impaired & even her life indangered. And that after he had thus cruelly whipped & treated your oratrix he the said Lipe drove your oratrix out of his house & she was compelled to lay in the Barn by her self all night.

3d

1 and your oratrix prays further shew and
2 charge the truth to be that the said Lipe
3 at diverse times & let his knife and

31 Cause to come
32 Borne by Her Self all night.

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1 and your oratrix prays further Shew and
2 charge the truth to be that the said Lupe
3 at diffrent times did let his knife and
4 threaten to cut your oratrix throat and
5 that he became so deprote that your or
6 trix life was in danger to lose or
7 live with the said Lupe as his treatment
8 towards her became more and more cruel
9 & inhuman.
10 Your oratrix further charges
11 that though the said Lupe was rich and able
12 to her help if he so pay yet the said
13 Lupe requires & compels your oratrix
14 to labour out in the field in all the
15 diffrent branches of farming to cut &
16 shall wood & fire his house in cold &
17 hot weather & under all circumstances, and
18 that during all the time that your oratrix
19 was required to labour in that laborious
20 manner She was not permitted to eat
21 at the same table with the said Lupe but
22 was compeled to live upon bread meat
23 & water. And that during the whole time your
24 oratrix lived with the said Lupe his treatment
25 towards her was barbarous, Cruel & inhuman
26 more like the treatment of a tyrant
27 than a man. And that from the Cruel
28 treatment of the said Lupe your oratrix has
29 been compeled to abandon forever the
30 bed & board of the said Lupe and has been
31 drawen upon the said Charities of the
32 World without any Means of Support.
33 Except her labour with her health impaired

by such cruel treatment

And your orator in further
shew and charge that the said Lepe Cole is the
owner & possessed of a large real & personal
Estate, consisting in part as follows to wit

7	head of Horses	worth	$250.00
17	head of Cattle	worth	$ 100.00
21	head of Sheep	worth	21.00
25	head of Hogs	worth	75.00
1000	bushels Corn	worth	300.00
100	bushels Wheat	worth	100.00
2	Wagons	worth	100.00
	plows gears & farming utensils		100.00
	house hold & kitchen furniture		250.00
	Cash on hand		5000.00
	Many notes & Accounts		5000.00

Amounting in all of personal
property including Cash on hand
Accounts & notes owned by the said Cole
to the sum of $11296.00

And that the said Lepe Cole holds &
is the owner in fee of the following described
real Estate to wit. The North half of the
South West quarter of Section twenty Township
seven Range Eleven Sixty Acres, Also the
North East fourth of the North East quarter
of Section thirty three Township Seven Rang
-e Ten forty Acres. Also the South
West fourth of the North West quarter
of Section twenty Township Seven Range
Ten forty Acres. Also the West

half of the North East Quarter of Section

half of the North East Quarter of Section twenty Township Six Range Ten Eighty Acres. also the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty Township Six Range Ten Eighty Acres, Also the South West fourth of the North West quarter of Section twenty two Township Six Range ten. forty Acres. Also the East part of the North East quarter Section twenty one Township Six Range ten. twenty Acres. Also the West half of the South West quarter of Section twenty Township Seven Range ten Eighty Acres. Also the West half of the South West quarter Section three Township Six Range ten Eighty Acres. also the North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section twenty Township Seven Range ten. forty Acres. also the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty Township Seven Range ten. Eighty Acres. Also the South East fourth of the South East quarter of Section Seventeen Township Six Range Ten forty Acres. Also the South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Seventeen Township Six Range ten. forty Acres. North West also the North West fourth of the South West quarter of Section Twenty one Township Six Range ten. forty Acres. Containing in all of Said land Sixteen in the County of Ripley & State of Indiana to Seven hundred and

Eighty acres. And also the following described land Situate in the County of Morgan and State of Indiana. to wit the North East quarter of Section Seven Town = Ship Fifteen Range three. And also the South East qr of Section Seven Township fifteen Range Three. making the whole amount of lands owned and described as aforesaid Eleven hundred acres.

And your oratrix avers & charges that the lands owned by the said Lepe Cole Situate in the County of Ripley and State of Indiana is worth Seven thousand dollars, and that the said lands Situate in Morgan County State of Indiana is worth Ten thousand dollars. total Value of lands described Seventeen Thousand dollars. Total Value of property both real & personal in Cash Money notes & accounts. Twenty Eight thousand & twenty nine dollars.

And your oratrix further Saws & charges that the said Lepe Cole is the owner of other lands Situate in Jennings. Shelby & Bartholomew Counties & in other Counties in this State the description of which is not known.

Therefore in as much as your oratrix is remidless by the Strict rules of the Comon law or Court and relievable only in this Honorable Court May it please your Honors to Cause the said Lepe Cole.

to be made defendant to this his bill of Complaint. And that he be Compelled to make out & file a Schedule Sworn to by him of all his property both real & personal describing the same Specifically

1st How much Money on hand and on deposet.

2nd. How Much Money is due him upon Bonds Bills notes & Accounts,

3d. By whome Said money is owed & his debt and whether the same is drawing interest or not.

4th. The amount of personal property by him owned Consisting in part of Sheep, hogs, Cattle, Horses, Wheat & oats, Corn, hay house hold & Kitchen furniture & farming utensils.

5th A full & Complete discription of all the lands by him owned on the 21st day of May 1847 and by him now owned in fee or otherwise Shewing in what County or State the same is Situate & the Number of Acres in Each County & State,

6th The amount & Value of improvements upon Said land

7th The fair Market Value of Said Land.

And that upon his Corporal oath he be Compelled to State & disclose whether Since the 21st day of May 1847 he has Sold or transfered any of the lands owned by him at that time & also whether he has bargained Sold or transfered any notes Bills Bonds Accounts or obligations for the payment of Money or property or has paid Taxes to any Com any Money Since the Said 21st day of May 1847 and if So

to whom such sale, transfer or payment was made. when it was made & for what purposes the same was made & what was the consideration;

And that he be compelled upon his corporal oath to a full true and complete answer make to each and every allegation in this her bill of complaint so far as relates to his own property and effects as fully & completely as though the same were here put by way of special interrogatory, & the respondent

And that your honor, by a decree of your honorable Court decree your orator & [illegible] & void the Mortgage Contract heretofore existing between your orator & the said Lapsley Cole.

And that by a decree of your honorable Court you compell the said Lapsley Cole to pay to your orator the grop sum of ten thousand dollars as alimony.

And that upon a final hearing of the cause your honor will grant your orator such other further & different relief as to you may seem just & right in the premises. and your orator prays the gracious writ of subpoena &c.

Elisabeth Cole
by David W Robinson
Her Solicitor

Transcript

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In the Circuit Court of the County of Ripley & State of Indiana, at The September Term AD 1847.

To the honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of the County & State aforesaid in _____ _____

Humbly complaining your oratrix Elisabeth Cole would Show unto your honors that She now is & has been for the last ten ~~twenty~~ years a resident of the County of Ripley and State of Indiana.

And that heretofore to wit on the 27th day of October 1825 at the County & State aforesaid She was lawfully married to one Jesse Cole who is at this time a resident of the County & State aforesaid & whom your oratrix prays may be made a defendant to this her bill of complaint.

And that shortly after your oratrix was maried as aforesaid _____ the Said Jesse & your oratrix went to keeping house together and so continued to live together until the 21 day of May 1847. during all which time your oratrix at all times demeaned herself towards the Said Jesse Cole as a good & dutiful wife treating him the Said Jesse in a kind & affectionate maner hoping in return to evict from the Said Jesse like kind & affectionate treatment. but your oratrix _____ charges the truth to be that ~~that~~ the Said Jesse Cole Soon after he was maried to your oratrix commenced a course of the most cruel & inhuman treatment ever adopted by a man towards his wife.

That in about nine months after your oratrix was maried to the Said Jesse, he the Said Jesse without any Just Cause or pravication whiped & abused your oratrix in an uncosanable & in human manner. And that the Said Jesse did frequently & as often as once in Each week from the time he commenced his cruel treatment towards your oratrix until the 21st day of May 1847 whip Strike beat & bruise your oratrix having bruises scars & wounds upon your oratrix which ware of Such Size & magnitude as to impair her health & ensure life a burthen to her.

And that on or about the 21st day of May 1847 the Said Jesse Cole without any Just Cause or provocation ordered your oratrix to get on her knees before him which order was obeyed by your oratrix when upon her knees the Said Jesse with a cow-hide then commenced whipping your oratrix on and across the neck back arms & hips and did whip your oratrix until her ~~life was~~ health was much impaired & even her life indangered. And that after he had thus cruelly whiped & _____ your oratrix he the Said Jessi drove your oratrix out of his house & She was compeled to lay in the Barn by her Self all night.

and your oratrix would further Show and charge the truth to be that the Said Jesse at different times whet his knife and threatened to cut your oratrix throat and that he became so _____ that your oratrix life was in danger to longar live with the Said Jesse as his treatment towards her became more and more cruel & inhuman.

Your oratrix further charges that though the Said Jesse was _____ and able to _____ help if necessary yet the Said Jesse required & compeled your oratrix to labour out in the field in all the different branches of farming to cut & _____ _____ & feed his horse in cold & hot weather & under all circumstances, and That during all the time that your oratrix was required to labour in that barbaric(?) maner She was not permitted to eat at the Same table with the Said Jesse but was compeled to live upon bread meat & water. And that during the whole time your oratrix lived with the Said Jesse his treatment towards her was barbarous, cruel, & inhuman more like the treatment of a tyrant than a man. And that from the cruel treatment of the Said Jesse your oratrix has been compeled to abandon forever the bed & bord of the Said Jesse and has been thrown upon the cold Charities of the World without any means of Support Except her labour with her health impaired by Such Cruel treatment.

And your oratrix will further ~~charge~~ Show and charge that the Said Jesse Cole is the owner & possessed of a large Real & personal Estate, consisting in part as follows to wit

7 head of horses worth	$250.00
17 head of cattle worth	$100.00
21 head of (sheep?) worth	21.00
25 head of hogs worth	75.00
1000 bushels corn worth	300.00
100 bushels wheat worth	100.00
2 wagons worth	100.00
plows gears & farming utentials	100.00
house hold & kitchin furniture	250.00
Cash on hand and on deposit	5000.00
Many loaned notes & accounts	5000.00

Amounting in all of personal property ~~_____ by the~~ including cash on hand Accounts & notes owned by the Said Cole to the Sum of $11296.00.

And that the Said Jesse Cole holds & is the owner ~~of~~ in fee of the following described real Estate to wit: The North half of the South West quarter of Section twenty Township 7 Range Eleven Eighty Acres. Allso the North East fourth of the North East quarter of Section thirty three Township Seven Range Ten forty acres. Allso the South West fourth of the North West quarter of Section twenty Township Six Range Ten forty acres. Allso the West half of the North East Quarter of Section twenty Township Six Range Ten Eighty acres. Allso the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty Township Six Range Ten Eighty Acres. Allso the South West fourth of the North West quarter of Section twenty two Township Six Range ten forty acres. Allso the East part of the North East quarter Section twenty one Township Six Range ten twenty acres. Allso the West half of the South West quarter of Section twenty Township Seven Range ten Eighty Acres. Allso the West half of the South West quarter Section three Township Six Range ten Eight Acres. Allso the North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section twenty Township Seven Range ten. forty acres. Allso the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty Township Seven Range ten. Eighty Acres. Allso the South East fourth of the South East quarter of Section Seventeen Township Six Range Ten forty Acres. Allso the South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Seventeen Township Six Range ten, forty Acres. ~~North West~~ Allso the North West fourth of the South West quarter of Section Twenty one Township Six Range ten, forty Acres. Consisting in all of Said land Situate in the County of Ripley & State of Indiana to Seven hundred and Eighty Acres.

And also the following described land Situate in the County of ~~Ripley~~ Marion And State of Indiana to wit the North East quarter of Section Seven Township fifteen Range three. And also the South East qr of Section Seven Township fifteen Range Three, making the whole amount of lands owned and described as aforesaid Eleven hundred acres.

And your oratrix swears & charges that the land owned by the Said Jesse Cole Situate in the County of Ripley and State of Indiana is worth Seven thousand dollars, and that the Said lands Situate in Marion County State of Indiana is worth Ten thousand dollars. total Value of lands described Seventeen Thousand dollars. Total Value of property both real & personal including Money notes & accounts. Twenty Eight thousand & twenty nine dollars.

And your oratrix further Shows & charges that the Said Jesse Cole is the owner of other lands Situate in Jennings, Shelby & Bartholomew Counties & in other Counties in this State the description of which is not known.

Therefore in as much as your oratrix is _____ by the Strict rules of the comon law or court and _____ only in this honorable Court may it please your honor to cause the Said Jesse Cole to be made defendant to this her bill of complaint. And that he be compeled to make out & file a Schedule Sworn to by him of all his property both real & personal describing the Same _____

1st how much money on hand and on deposit.

2nd how much money is due him upon Bonds Bills notes & accounts.

3d By whom Said money is owed when due and whether the Same is drawing interest or not.

4th The amount of personal property by him owned consisting in part of Sheep, hogs, Cattle, horses, Wheat rye oats, Corn, hay house hold & kitchen furniture & farming utentrols.

5th A full & complete description of all the lands by him owned on the 21st day of May 1847 and by him now owned in fee or otherwise Showing in what County or State the Same is Situate & the Number of acres in Each County & State.

6th The amount & Value of improvements upon Said Land.

7th The fair Market Value of Said Land.

And that upon his Corporal oath he be compeled to State & disclose whether Since the 21st day of May 1847 he has Sold or transfered any of the lands owned by him at that time & allso whether he has bargained Sold or transfered any notes Bills Bonds Accounts or obligations for the payment of money or property or has paid over to any one any money Since the Said 21st day of May 1847 and if so to whom Such Sale, transfer or payment was made, when it was made & for what purposes the Same was made & what was the Consideration.

And that he be compeled upon his corporal oath to a full true and complete answer make to Each and Every alligation in this her bill of complaint So far as relates to his money property and Effects as fully & completly as though the same were here put by way of Special interogotory. ~~And that upon~~

And that your honor, by a decree of your honorable Court Divorce your oratrix & render nul & Void the Marriage Contract heretofore Existing between your oratrix & the Said Jesse Cole.

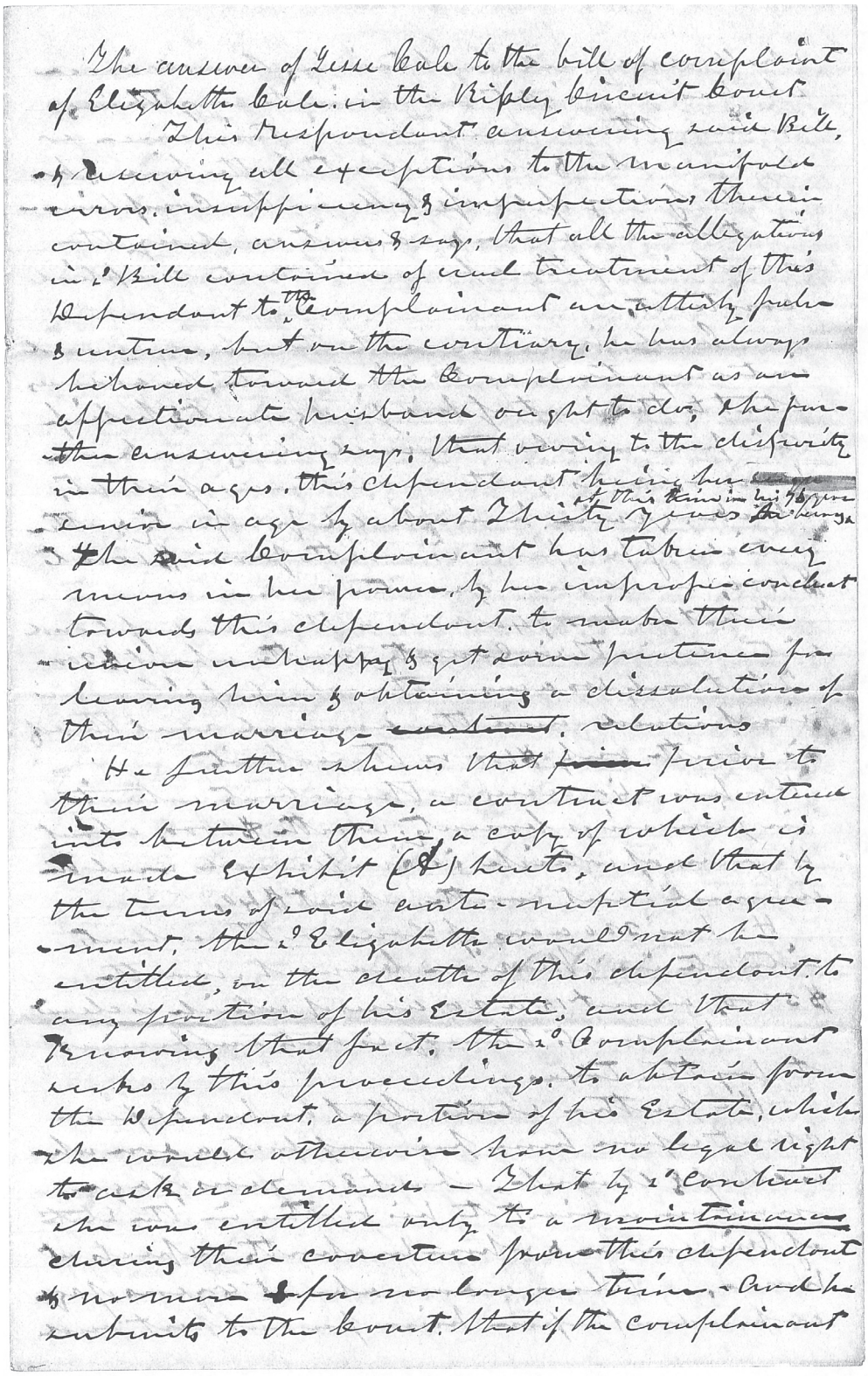
And that by a decree of your honorable Court you Compell the Said Jesse Cole to pay to your oratrix the gross Sum of ten thousand dollars as allimony.

And that upon a final hearing of the Cause your honor will grat your oratrix Such other further & diferant relief as to you may Seem Just & right in the primises. And your oratrix prays the gracious writ of Subpeonia &c.

Signatories are:
Elisabeth Cole
Isaiah W. Robinson, her solicitor

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Jesse Cole Answer to Bill of Complaint for Divorce



The answer of Jesse Cole to the bill of complaint of Elizabeth Cole in the Ripley Circuit Court.

This Respondent answering said Bill, & reserving all exceptions to the manifold errors, insufficiency & imperfections therein contained, answers & says, that all the allegations in said Bill contained of cruel treatment of this Defendant to the Complainant are utterly false & untrue, but on the contrary, he has always behaved toward the Complainant as an affectionate husband ought to do, & further answering says, that owing to the disparity in their ages, this Defendant being but [illegible] junior in age by about Thirty years [illegible] The said Complainant has taken every means in her power, by her improper conduct towards this defendant, to make their relations unhappy & get some pretence for leaving him & obtaining a dissolution of this marriage contract, relations

He further shews that prior to their marriage, a contract was entered into between them, a copy of which is made Exhibit (A) hereto, and that by the terms of said ante-nuptial agreement, the said Elizabeth would not be entitled, on the death of this defendant, to any portion of his Estate, and that knowing that fact, the said Complainant seeks by this proceedings, to obtain from the Defendant, a portion of his Estate, which she would otherwise have no legal right to ask or demand — That by said Contract she was entitled only to a maintenance during their coverture from this defendant & nothing for no longer time. And he submits to the Court, that if the Complainant

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shall succeed in obtaining her divorce she has no right or claim to any thing more than such maintainance so long as the defendant both him & his calls by way of cross bill in the Complainant's bill to answer & admit or deny the making of the aforesaid ante nuptial contract.

And in answer to the charges and interrogatories as to his Estate, he answers that to the best of his judgment & belief his personal Estate, including cash on hand, Notes & other evidences of debt, stock, grain, household property & other articles of property is worth from $1000 to $1500, and no greater sum

That he has 740 acres or thereabouts of land situate in this County worth about $3000

That only 100 acres or thereabouts of said land is improved and the annual rent thereof is worth only $100 or thereabouts

He has 240 acres or thereabouts situate in Jennings County worth $1000, about 40 acres of which is improved and the annual rent worth about $40,

He has 320 acres of land or thereabouts situate in Marion County worth $3200, about 15 or 20 acres of which is cleared and the rents thereof is only sufficient to pay the taxes

He further states that he has dependent upon him for support, a son who is deaf & dumb, about 30 years of age now on a visit to his brother in the State of Missouri & whose whereabouts at present at home. Also a son about 8 years of age dependent upon him for support and

and education — Also another time who had his skull fractured, a great many years since ~~& family~~, who with his family consisting in all with a widowed Daughter & her children & seven persons & for whom this Defendant, is necessarily compelled to render a good deal of pecuniary aid & assistance, to enable them to get along in the world —

He further states. That he has ~~owned~~ not any real Estate, situate in any other County or Counties, State or States. ~~Where~~ and that ~~Those~~ bonds, herein above mentioned are all he now owns or has owned at any time since the commencement of this suit.

He further states That he has not parted with or disposed of any of his personal Estate since commencement of this suit so as to lessen the amount or value thereof.

Jesse Cole

He further states That he has not parted with or disposed of any of his personal Estate since commencement of this suit so as to lessen the amount or value thereof.

Jesse Cole on his oath says that the foregoing answer as to his property is true as he verily believes

Jesse Cole

Sworn to in open Court as to the property this 17. day of September A.D. 1847.

Jno. L. L. Hunter, Clk.

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He further shows that prior to their marriage, a contract was entered into between them, a copy of which is made Exhibit (A) hereto, and that by the terms of said ante-nuptial agreement, the said Elizabeth would not be entitled, on the death of this defendant, to any portion of his Estate, and that knowing that fact, the said Complainant works by this proceeding to obtain from this Defendant a portion of his Estate, which she would otherwise have no legal right to ask or demand – That by said Contract she was entitled only to a <u>maintainance</u> during their coverture from this defendant of no more & for no longer time. And he submits to the Court that if the Complainant shall succeed in obtaining her divorce she has no right or claim to anything now than such maintainence so long as she & defendant both live & he calls by way of _____ bill on the Complainant to answer & admit or deny the making of the aforesaid ante nuptial contract.

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He further states that he has ~~no such~~ not any real Estate situate in any other County or Counties, State or States and that the lands herein above mentioned are all he now owns or has owned at any time since the commencement of this suit.

He further states that he has not parted with or dispensed of any of his personal Estate since commencement of this suit so as to lessen the amount or value thereof.

Jesse Cole on his oath says that the foregoing answer as to his property is true as he verily believes.

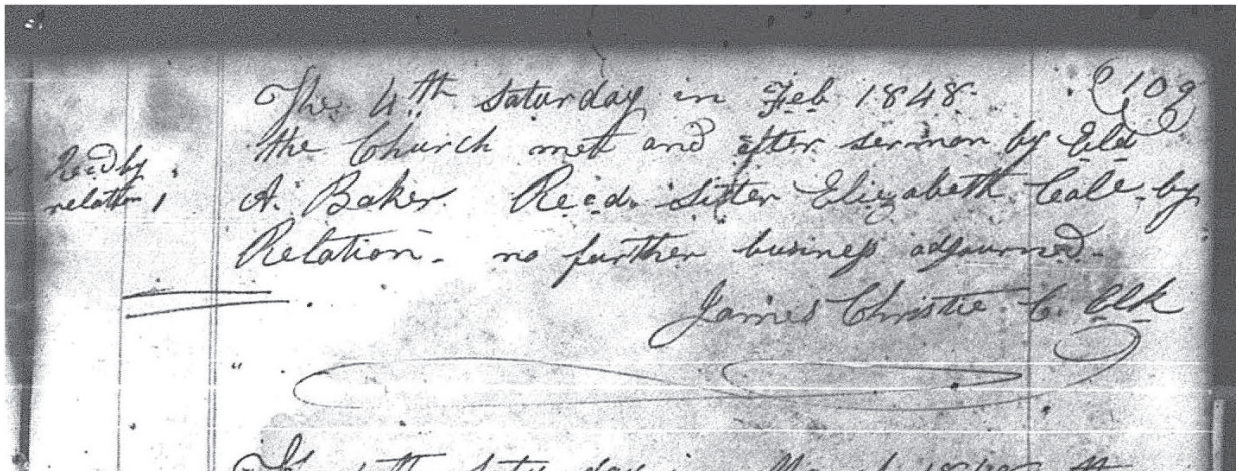
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West Fork Baptist Church – Elizabeth Cole[2] Admission & Dismission

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B. 19 Aug 1854 – Dismissed by letter

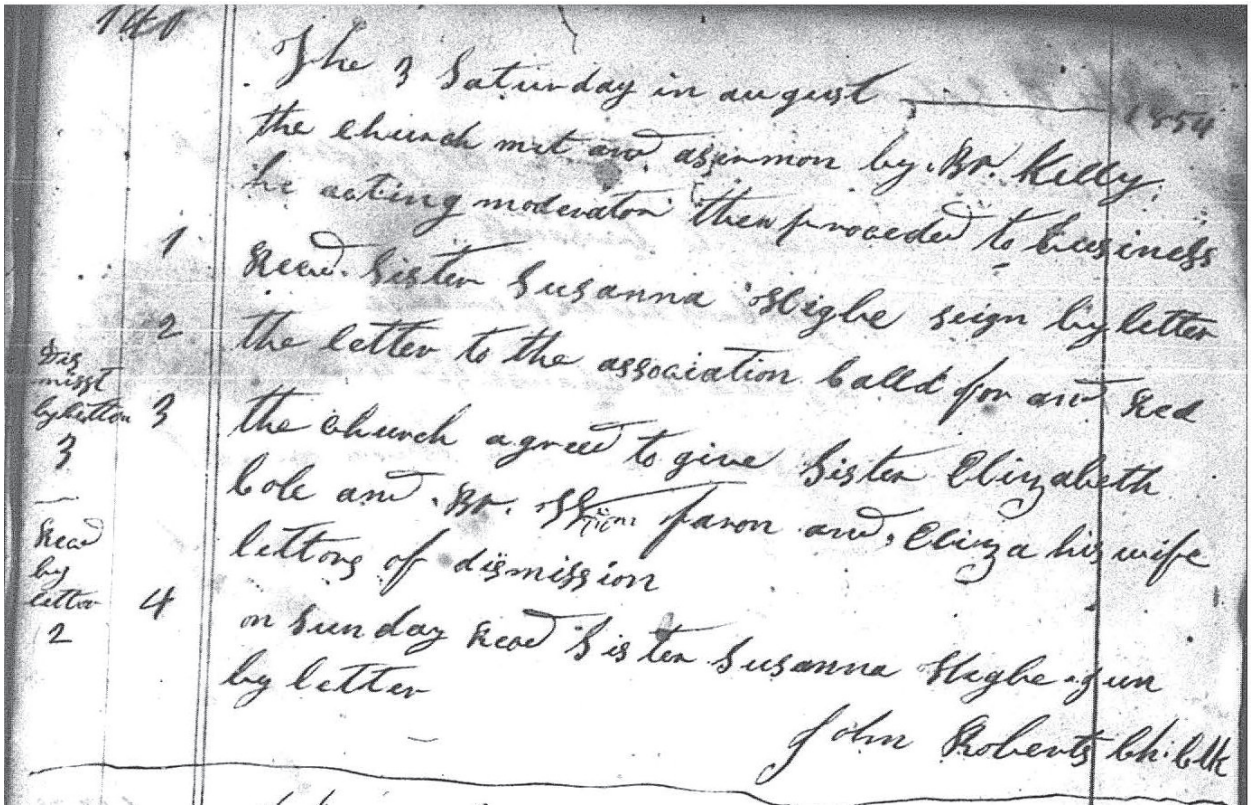
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Rec'd by relation 1

The 4th Saturday in Feb 1848. 102
The Church met and after sermon by Eld A. Baker Rec'd Sister Elizabeth Cole by Relation. no further business adjourned.
James Christie C. Clk

B



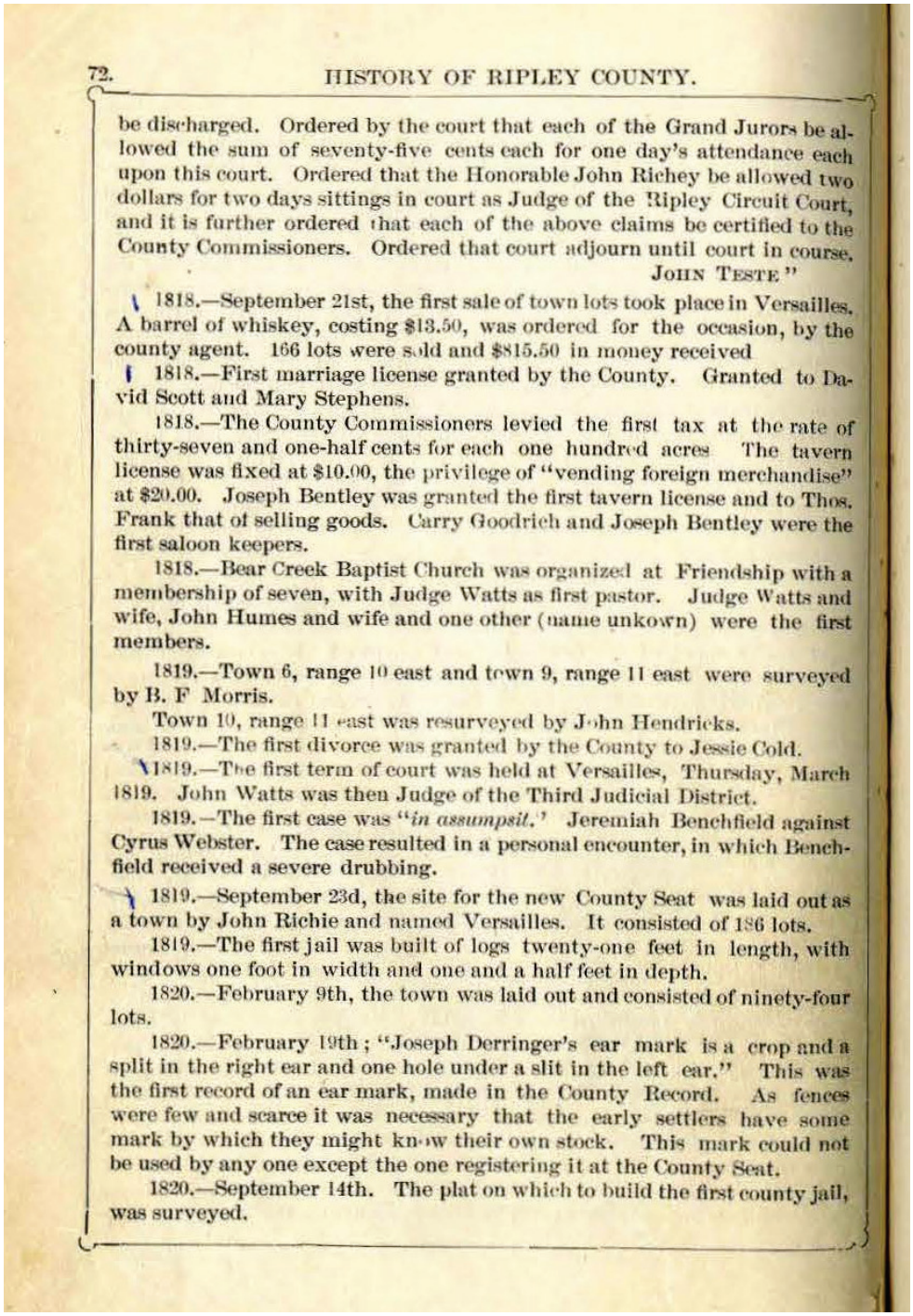
1854

The 3 Saturday in august
the church met and a sermon by Br. Kelley
he acting moderator then proceeded to business
1 Rec'd Sister Susanna Sleghe sein by letter
2 the letter to the association called for and Red
Dis missn by petition 3 the church agreed to give Sister Elizabeth
3 Cole and Br. [illegible] Faron and Eliza his wife
Rec'd by letter 2 4 letters of dismission
on Sunday Rec'd Sister Susanna Sleghe sein by letter
John Roberts Chi Clk

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 2.8

Excerpt from History and Directory of Ripley County



be discharged. Ordered by the court that each of the Grand Jurors be allowed the sum of seventy-five cents each for one day's attendance each upon this court. Ordered that the Honorable John Richey be allowed two dollars for two days sittings in court as Judge of the Ripley Circuit Court, and it is further ordered that each of the above claims be certified to the County Commissioners. Ordered that court adjourn until court in course.

JOHN TESTE"

1818.—September 21st, the first sale of town lots took place in Versailles. A barrel of whiskey, costing $13.50, was ordered for the occasion, by the county agent. 166 lots were sold and $815.50 in money received

1818.—First marriage license granted by the County. Granted to David Scott and Mary Stephens.

1818.—The County Commissioners levied the first tax at the rate of thirty-seven and one-half cents for each one hundred acres The tavern license was fixed at $10.00, the privilege of "vending foreign merchandise" at $20.00. Joseph Bentley was granted the first tavern license and to Thos. Frank that of selling goods. Carry Goodrich and Joseph Bentley were the first saloon keepers.

1818.—Bear Creek Baptist Church was organized at Friendship with a membership of seven, with Judge Watts as first pastor. Judge Watts and wife, John Humes and wife and one other (name unkown) were the first members.

1819.—Town 6, range 10 east and town 9, range 11 east were surveyed by B. F Morris.

Town 10, range 11 east was resurveyed by John Hendricks.

1819.—The first divorce was granted by the County to Jessie Cold.

1819.—The first term of court was held at Versailles, Thursday, March 1819. John Watts was then Judge of the Third Judicial District.

1819.—The first case was "*in assumpsit.*" Jeremiah Benchfield against Cyrus Webster. The case resulted in a personal encounter, in which Benchfield received a severe drubbing.

1819.—September 23d, the site for the new County Seat was laid out as a town by John Richie and named Versailles. It consisted of 186 lots.

1819.—The first jail was built of logs twenty-one feet in length, with windows one foot in width and one and a half feet in depth.

1820.—February 9th, the town was laid out and consisted of ninety-four lots.

1820.—February 19th; "Joseph Derringer's ear mark is a crop and a split in the right ear and one hole under a slit in the left ear." This was the first record of an ear mark, made in the County Record. As fences were few and scarce it was necessary that the early settlers have some mark by which they might know their own stock. This mark could not be used by any one except the one registering it at the County Seat.

1820.—September 14th. The plat on which to build the first county jail, was surveyed.

Jerman, Ed. C., History and Directory of Ripley County, Containing the Names, Occupations and Postoffice Address of Every Voter in the County, the Most Complete County History Ever Published, the Biographies of Prominent Men, Together with Other Features of Interest. 1888. Indiana State Library Digital Collections, Indianapolis, Indiana.
(https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p1819coll6, Indiana Historical Print Collection > Ripley > History and Directory of Ripley County > image 41 of 66 : accessed 14 Feb 2022).

Appendix 2.1

Biographical Sketch of Henry Clay Cole

Henry Clay Cole has an interesting story. He was born in Ripley County, Indiana in 1838 and was in the Union Army Medical Corps during the Civil War. He was described as having a picturesque personality with a tall, graceful build, lustrous eyes, and a magnificent beard in which he took great pride. He dressed faultlessly in the best clothes, wore an appropriate ornamentation of jewelry and was a man of fascination among women. His personality was described as determined and desperate, and would shoot if he so decided, which instilled a level of fear among others. His friendships were loyal and undying, but he also had the bitterest of enemies. In private, however, he was described as kind and mild-mannered as a man could be.



Henry Clay Cole
From *The Kokomo (IN) Tribune* 11 Mar 2017.

Immediately after the war he arrived in Kokomo, Indiana and established a medical practice. In 1866, he shot and killed Chambers Allen as Allen was leaving the Kokomo post office, a man whom he believed was involved with his first wife, Nellie. After learning of the possible involvement, Henry wrote Allen a letter, warning him to stay away from Kokomo or he would meet his death. Henry was subsequently acquitted of murder by reason of "emotional insanity." His attorney in the trial was Senator D. W. Voorhees. In 1873, he was accused of seducing a local woman and performing an abortion on her, but was acquitted. In 1879, a barn near Kokomo burned and a charred body was discovered in the ashes. Rumors circulated that Henry had done it to conceal another of his abortions, but he was never charged. He had also been accused of robbery and poisoning a horse, but again was never charged. The Secret Service had also apparently been watching him as a suspected counterfeiter, but no charges were ever filed. Henry had many enemies, and he believed them to be the authors of all "these vile slanders" against him.

In May 1881, he became the sixth mayor of Kokomo, Indiana and in September of that same year, was shot and killed by a posse while allegedly robbing the Spring Mills grist mill in preparation for burning the mill down. Many in town apparently believed he was not at the mill to steal or burn it down. There are a number of discrepancies in the account of the posse and townspeople who arrived on the scene after the shooting. There was enough doubt in the community that the posse was indicted; however, the case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

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3. SARAH (b. 22 Aug 1802, d. 13 Jan 1884)

Birth: 22 Aug 1802 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: 6 Jul 1826 to William Miles in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1805 in Kentucky; d. aft. 8 Aug 1850).

- Willis Miles
  - b. 17 Aug 1827 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - m. 21 Mar 1855 to Ellen Lucinda Warner in Dane County, Wisconsin (b. 26 Jul 1836 in Vermont; d. 28 Aug 1890 in Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin).
  - d. 22 Sep 1892 in Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.
- Enos Miles
  - b. 2 Aug 1833 in Indiana, likely Jefferson or Switzerland County.
  - m. abt. 1859 to Adelia Coleman in Illinois, likely Marshall County (b. abt. 1842 in Illinois; d. _____).
  - d. 6 Mar 1864 in Minonk, Woodford County, Illinois.
- Martha Ann Miles
  - b. 16 Jul 1838 in Indiana, likely Jefferson or Switzerland County.
  - m. abt. 1855 to Oscar Willard Warner in Wisconsin, probably Rock County (b. 22 Jun 1835 in St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont; d. 7 Feb 1863 in Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Kentucky).
  - d. 21 Dec 1932 in Rock Port, Athison County, Missouri.
- Edward R. Miles
  - b. 31 Aug 1844 in Missouri.
  - m1. 22 Aug 1864 to Adelia Coleman in Illinois, likely Marshall County (b. abt. 1842 in Illinois; d. _____).
  - m2. 28 Aug 1893 to Laura C. Hensley in Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas (b. 30 Mar 1857 in Indiana; d. 3 Nov 1925 in Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania).
  - d. 22 Jan 1902 in Bolton, Cowley County, Kansas.
- Possibly four additional children
  - Two males b. 1826-1830 and one male b. 1835-1840.
  - One female b. 1835-1840.

Death: 13 Jan 1884 in Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.

Sarah is the second child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. She was born 22 Aug 1802 in Kentucky, likely in Clark County as this is where her parents were married and living at the time.

The Roberts family is reflected in the 1810 Clark County census, with Sarah enumerated as one of the females under 10 years of age.[1,2]

- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1819, Elizabeth's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Sarah enumerated as one of the females in the 17-26 year old range.[3,4]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

On 6 Jul 1826, Sarah and William Miles were married in Ripley County, Indiana by James Christie, Justice of the Peace. As with many of this generation of Robertses, she joined the West Fork Baptist Church, sometime prior to Jan 1829. Soon after their marriage, Sarah and William began building their family. I have been able to confirm four children born to the family; however, census records suggest that William and Sarah may have had up to eight.[5,6]

By 1830, the Miles family had moved to Jefferson County, Indiana, where the census shows five individuals in the household:[7]

- White males < 5 – 3 (Willis and two unknown males)
- White males 20-29 – 1 (William)
- White females 20-29 – 1 (Sarah[3])

By 1840, the family had migrated to Switzerland County, Indiana where it appears Sarah and William's family had expanded to seven children – five boys and two girls. This census also notes that one member of the family, likely William, was employed in agriculture, suggesting the family was living on a farm.[8]

- White males < 5 – 1 (Unknown male)
- White males 5-9 – 1 (Enos)

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[1] See Figure 3.12. Sarah (Roberts) Miles[3] Death Registration.
[2] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky.
[3] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[5] Figure 3.1. Sarah Roberts[3] & William Miles Marriage Record.
[6] Figure 3.2. West Fork Baptist Church - Names of Members Received from Constitution to January 1829.
[7] Figure 3.3. 1830 United States Federal Census – Jefferson County, Indiana.
[8] Figure 3.4. 1840 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.

- White males 10-14 – 3 (Willis and two unknown males)
- White males 30-39 – William
- White females < 5 – 2 (Martha Ann and one unknown female)
- White females 30-39 – 1 (Sarah[3])

Sarah and William's youngest child, Edward, was born 31 Aug 1844 in Missouri; however, I have not otherwise been able to place the family in that state. In any event, the 1850 census shows the family in Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana, where William and son Enos are engaged in farming, and son Willis is identified as a teacher. Based on the obituary for son, Edward, William passed away sometime after this census was enumerated on 8 Aug 1850. This, however, has not been verified by other records.[9,10]

It appears soon after William's death, Sarah and her children moved to Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin to live with Sarah's niece, Nancy (Shepherd) Warner, her husband Albert Otis Warner, and their family. This arrangement resulted in additional marriages within Sarah's family:[11,12,13]

- Son Willis married Albert's sister, Ellen Lucinda Warner, on 21 Mar 1855.
- Daughter Martha Ann married Albert's brother, Oscar Willard Warner, abt. 1855.

Albert Warner enlisted in Company E, 22nd Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry for the Civil War and died 20 Aug 1864 in a field hospital during the Atlanta Campaign. Probably after Albert left for the war effort, Sarah moved in with her son, Willis, as she is shown in the 1870 and 1880 census in Janesville with Willis and his family.[14,15,16]



Sarah (Roberts) Miles Headstone

Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/70522570/sarah-miles : accessed 27 Oct 2021), memorial page for Sarah Roberts Miles (1803–13 Jan 1884), Find a Grave Memorial ID 70522570, citing Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin, USA; Maintained by Vicki C. (contributor 46790005). Photograph added 28 May 2011 by Vicki C.

According to Sarah's death registration, she passed away 13 Jan 1884 in Janesville due to chronic bronchitis. Funeral services were at her home at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, Jan 15th, officiated by Rev. Dr. Hodge of the Baptist church. Burial

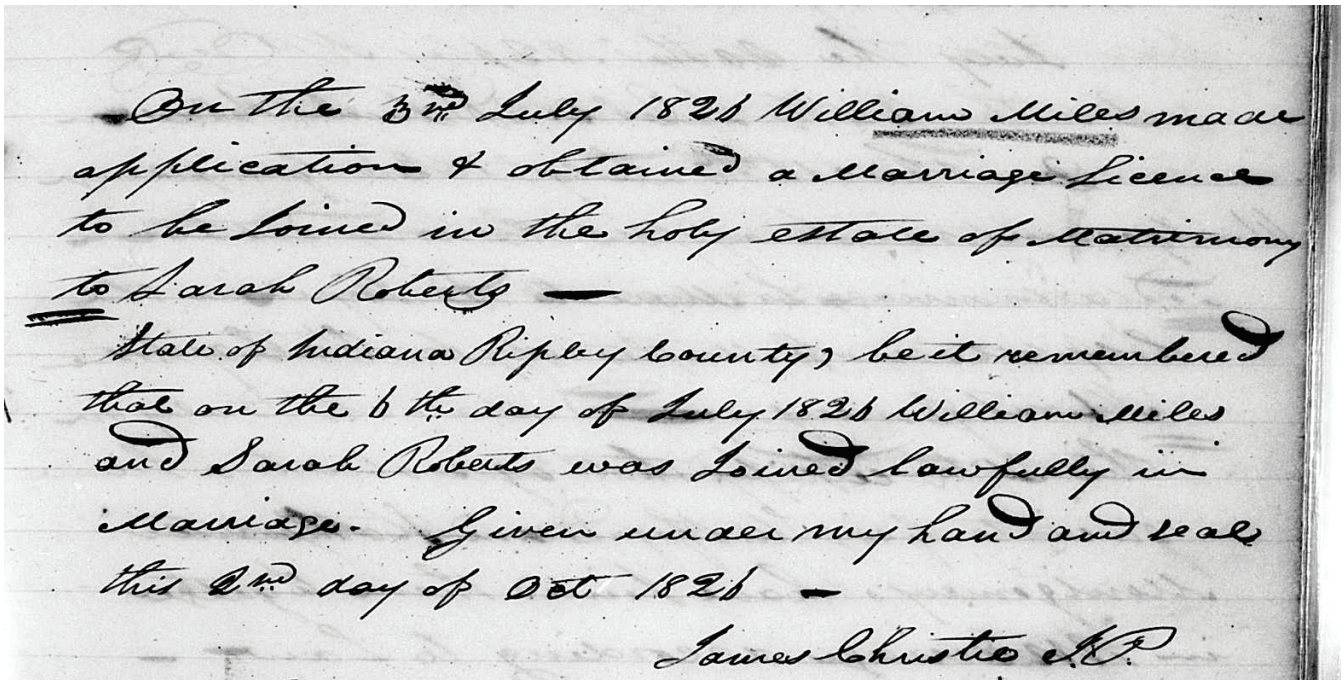
[9] Figure 3.5. Edward R. Miles Obituary.
[10] Figure 3.6. 1850 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[11] Nancy is a daughter of Sarah's sister, Mariah[6].
[12] Figure 3.7. Willis Miles Obituary.
[13] Figure 3.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.
[14] Figure 3.9. Burial Record for Albert Otis Warner. Also see *Soldiers and Sailors Database*, National Park Service, Record for Albert O. Warner (https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers-detail.htm?soldierId=02E433DD-DC7A-DF11-BF36-B8AC6F5D926A, accessed 25 Oct 2021).
[15] Figure 3.10. 1870 United States Federal Census – Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.
[16] Figure 3.11. 1880 United States Federal Census – Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.

was at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Janesville. Her obituary identifies her three surviving children: Willis, Martha Warner and Edward.[17,18]

[17] Figure 3.12. Sarah (Roberts) Miles[3] Death Registration.
[18] Figure 3.13. Sarah (Roberts) Miles[3] Obituary and Burial Notice.

Figure 3.1

Sarah Roberts[3] & William Miles Marriage Record



On the 3rd July 1826 William Miles made application & obtained a Marriage Licence to be Joined in the holy estate of Matrimony to Sarah Roberts —

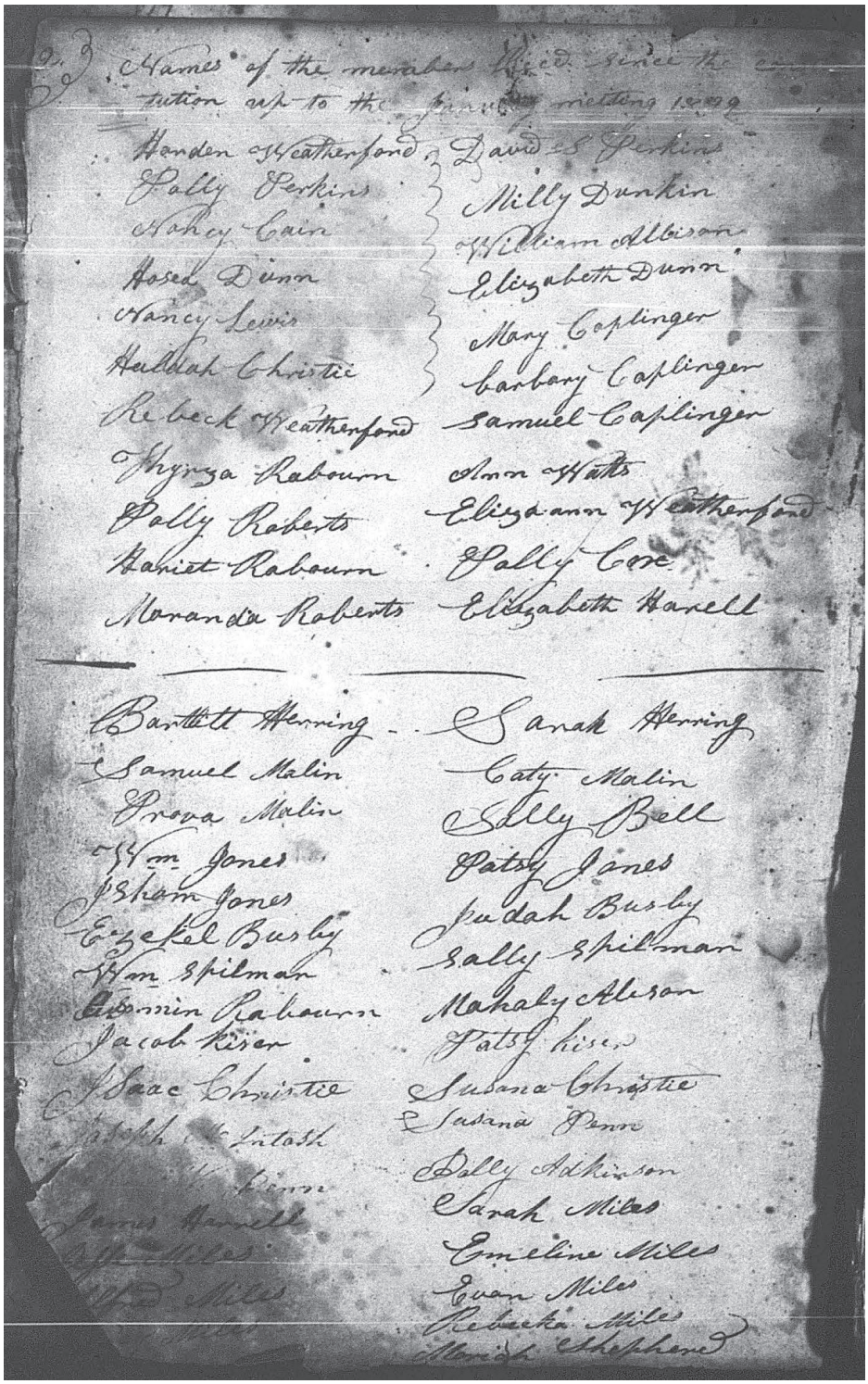
State of Indiana Ripley County, be it remembered that on the 6th day of July 1826 William Miles and Sarah Roberts was Joined lawfully in Marriage. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of Oct 1826 —

James Christie J.P.

Received 5 Oct 2020 from Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Original source: Marriage Records, Ripley County, Indiana, 1818-1922. Film #007730338.

Figure 3.2

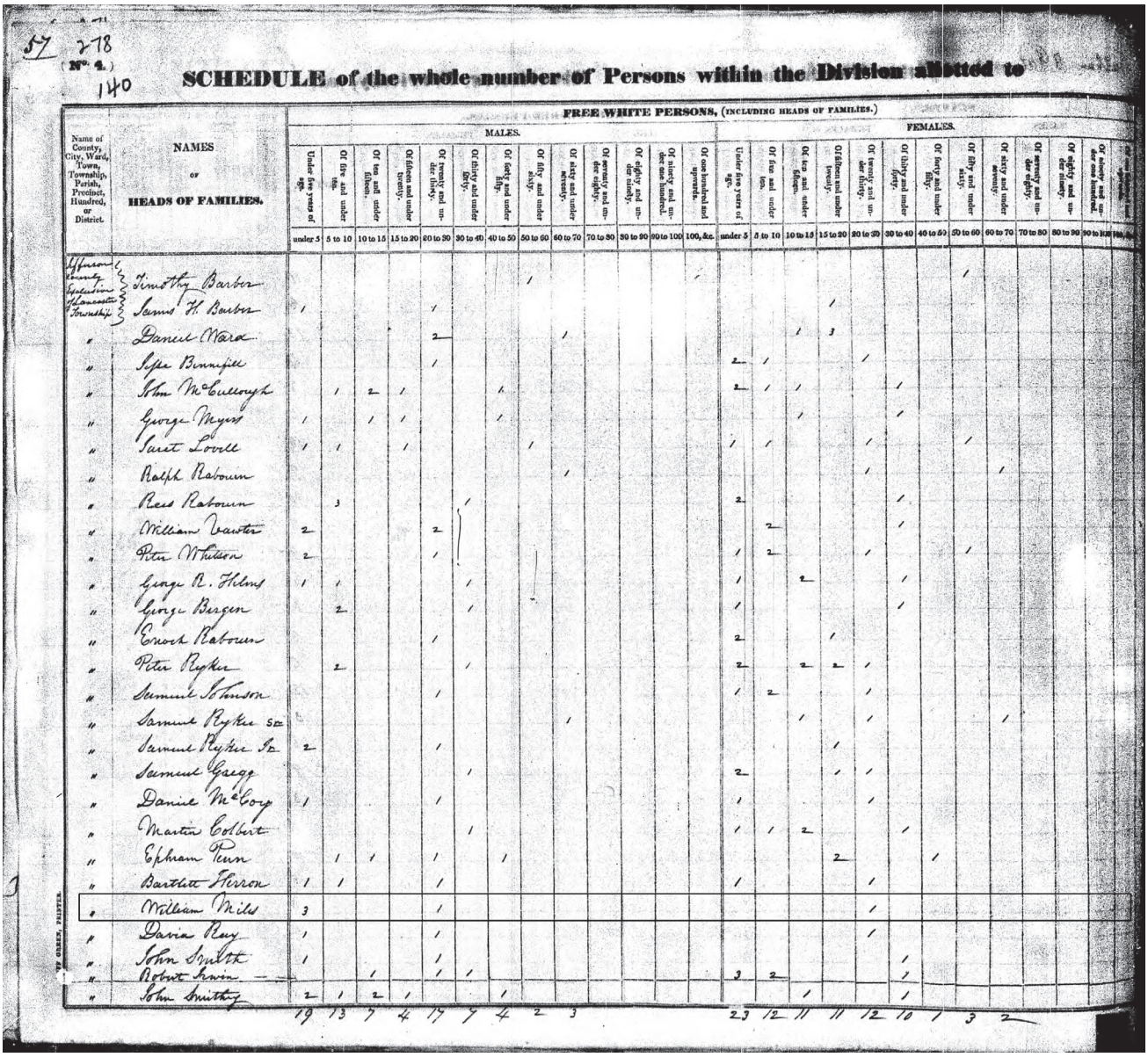
West Fork Baptist Church - Names of Members Received from Constitution to January 1829



"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 3.3 (2 pages)

1830 United States Federal Census – Jefferson County, Indiana

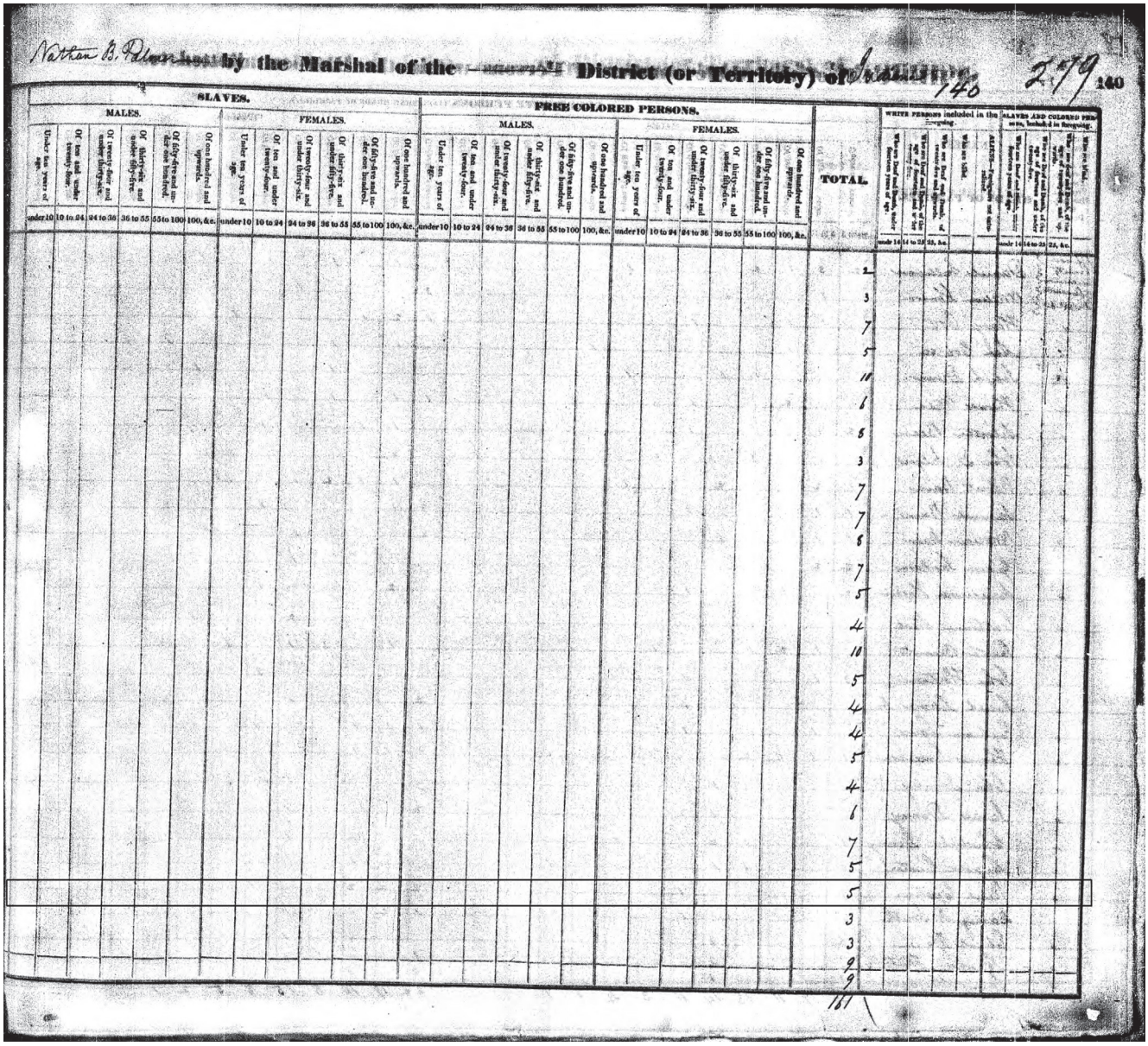


SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to

FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES of HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES. Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under thirty.	Of thirty and under forty.	Of forty and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	FEMALES. Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under thirty.	Of thirty and under forty.	Of forty and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	Free colored persons.
		under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	
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"	Daniel Ward					2				1							1	3										
"	Silas Bunnell					1									2	1			1									
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"	George Myers	1		1	1			1									1			1								
"	Sarah Lovell	1	1		1				1						1	1			1			1						
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"	Samuel Gregg						1								2			1	1									
"	Daniel McCoy	1				1									1				1									
"	Martin Colbert						1								1	1	2			1								
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"	Robert Irwin			1		1	1								3	2				1								
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Nathan B. Palmer by the Marshal of the [illegible] District (or Territory) of [illegible] 1840 2 79 140

SLAVES.

MALES.

Under ten years of age. | Of ten and under twenty-four. | Of twenty-four and under thirty-six. | Of thirty-six and under fifty-five. | Of fifty-five and under one hundred. | Of one hundred and upwards.

FEMALES.

Under ten years of age. | Of ten and under twenty-four. | Of twenty-four and under thirty-six. | Of thirty-six and under fifty-five. | Of fifty-five and under one hundred. | Of one hundred and upwards.

under 10 | 10 to 24 | 24 to 36 | 36 to 55 | 55 to 100 | 100, &c. | under 10 | 10 to 24 | 24 to 36 | 36 to 55 | 55 to 100 | 100, &c.

FREE COLORED PERSONS.

MALES.

Under ten years of age. | Of ten and under twenty-four. | Of twenty-four and under thirty-six. | Of thirty-six and under fifty-five. | Of fifty-five and under one hundred. | Of one hundred and upwards.

FEMALES.

Under ten years of age. | Of ten and under twenty-four. | Of twenty-four and under fifty-five. | Of thirty-six and under fifty-five. | Of fifty-five and under one hundred. | Of one hundred and upwards.

under 10 | 10 to 24 | 24 to 36 | 36 to 55 | 55 to 100 | 100, &c.

TOTAL.

WHITE PERSONS included in the foregoing.

Who are Males under five years of age. | Who are Males of five and under fifteen years of age. | Who are Males of fifteen and under twenty-one years of age. | Who are Males of twenty-one and under twenty-four years of age. | Who are Males of twenty-four and under twenty-eight years of age. | Who are Males of twenty-eight and under thirty-two years of age. | Who are Males of thirty-two and under thirty-six years of age. | Who are Males of thirty-six and under forty-two years of age. | Who are Males of forty-two and under forty-six years of age. | Who are Males of forty-six and under fifty-five years of age. | Who are Males of fifty-five and under sixty-five years of age. | Who are Males of sixty-five and under seventy-five years of age. | Who are Males of seventy-five and under eighty-five years of age. | Who are Males of eighty-five and under ninety years of age. | Who are Males of ninety and under one hundred years of age. | Who are Males of one hundred years of age and upwards. | Who are Females.

under 14 | 14 to 25 | 25, &c.

ALIENS—Persons not naturalized.

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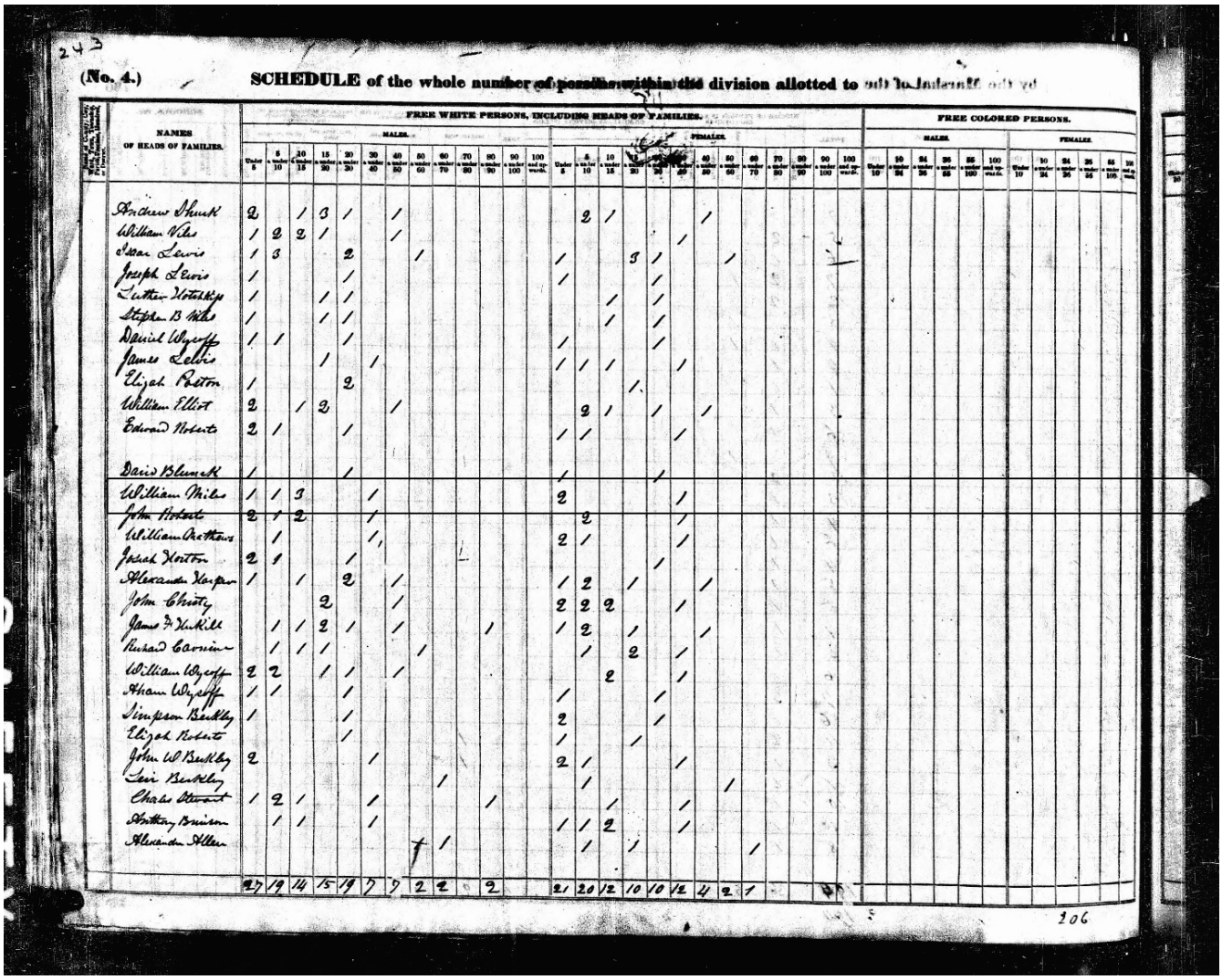
Who are Males under ten years of age. | Who are Males of ten and under twenty-four years of age. | Who are Males of twenty-four and under thirty-six years of age. | Who are Males of thirty-six and under fifty-five years of age. | Who are Males of fifty-five and under one hundred years of age. | Who are Males of one hundred years of age and upwards. | Who are Females.

under 10 | 10 to 24 | 24, &c.

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Figure 3.4 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.



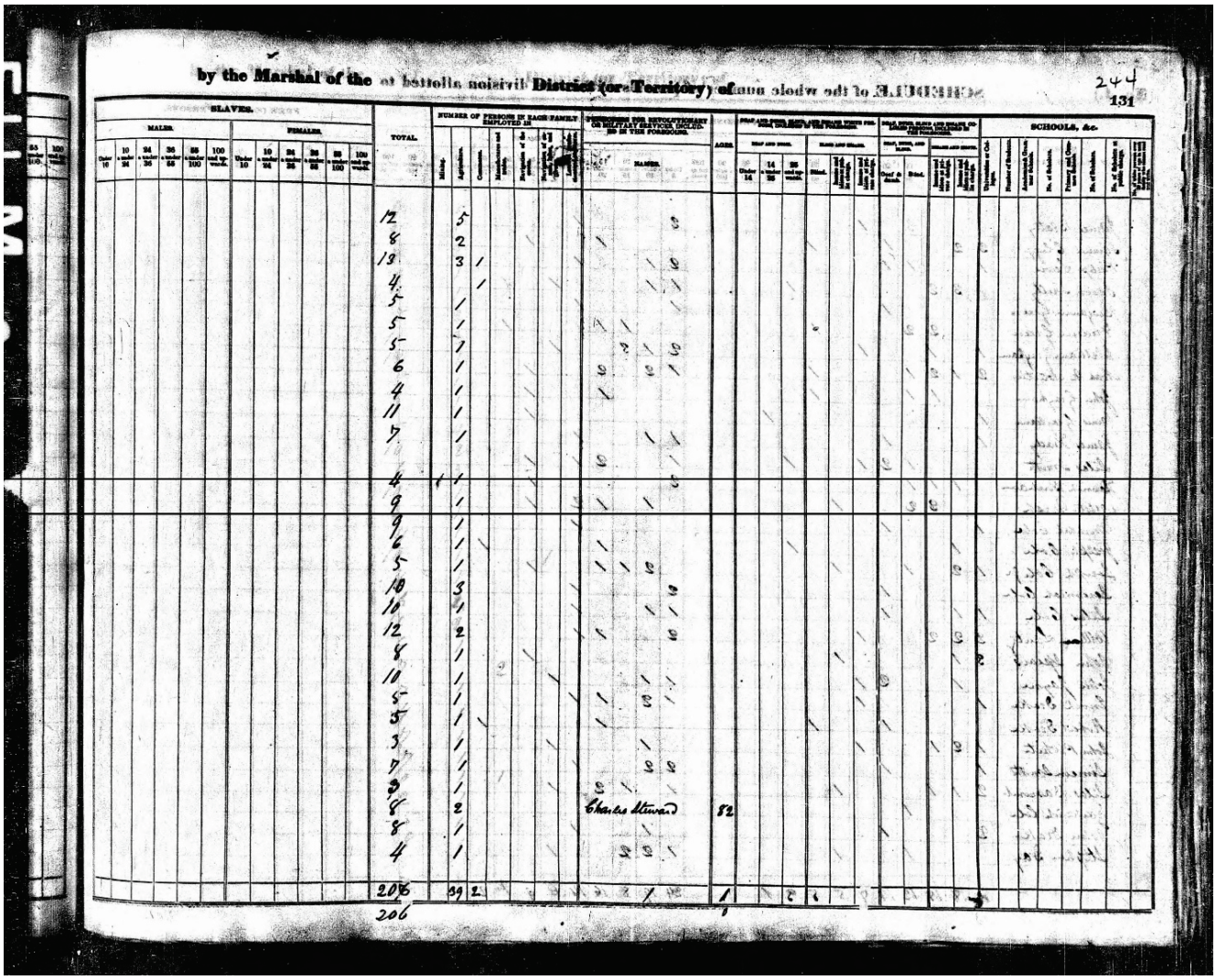
(No. 4.) SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within this division allotted to

FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES. — FREE COLORED PERSONS.

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES												FEMALES												FREE COLORED PERSONS. MALES						FEMALES					
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100 and upwards
Andrew Shunk	2		1	3	1		1								2	1			1																	
William Viles	1	2	2	1			1											1																		
Isaac Lewis	1	3			2			1						1			3	1			1															
Joseph Lewis	1				1									1				1																		
Luther Hotchkiss	1			1	1											1		1																		
Stephen B Viles	1			1	1											1		1																		
Daniel Wycoff	1	1			1									1				1																		
James Lelbs				1		1								1	1	1			1																	
Elijah Boston	1				2												1																			
William Elliot	2		1	2			1								2	1		1		1																
Edward Roberts	2	1			1									1	1				1																	
David Blunck	1				1									1				1																		
William Miles	1	1	3			1								2					1																	
John Roberts	2	1	2			1									2				1																	
William Matthews		1				1								2	1				1																	
Josiah Horton	2	1			1													1																	
Alexander Harper	1		1		2		1							1	2		1			1																
John Christy				2			1							2	2	2			1																	
James F Kirkhill		1	1	2	1		1				1			1	2		1			1																
Richard Cannon		1	1	1				1							1		2		1																	
William Wycoff	2	2		1	1		1									2			1																	
Abram Wycoff	1	1			1									1				1																		
Simpson Beckley	1				1									2				1																		
Elijah Roberts					1									1			1																			
John W Beckley	2					1								2	1				1																	
Levi Beckley								1							1					1																
Charles Stewart	1	2	1			1				1						1			1																	
Anthony Bruison		1	1			1								1	1	2			1																	
Alexander Allen							1	1							1		1				1																
	27	19	14	15	19	7	9	2	2		2			21	20	12	10	10	12	4	2	1														

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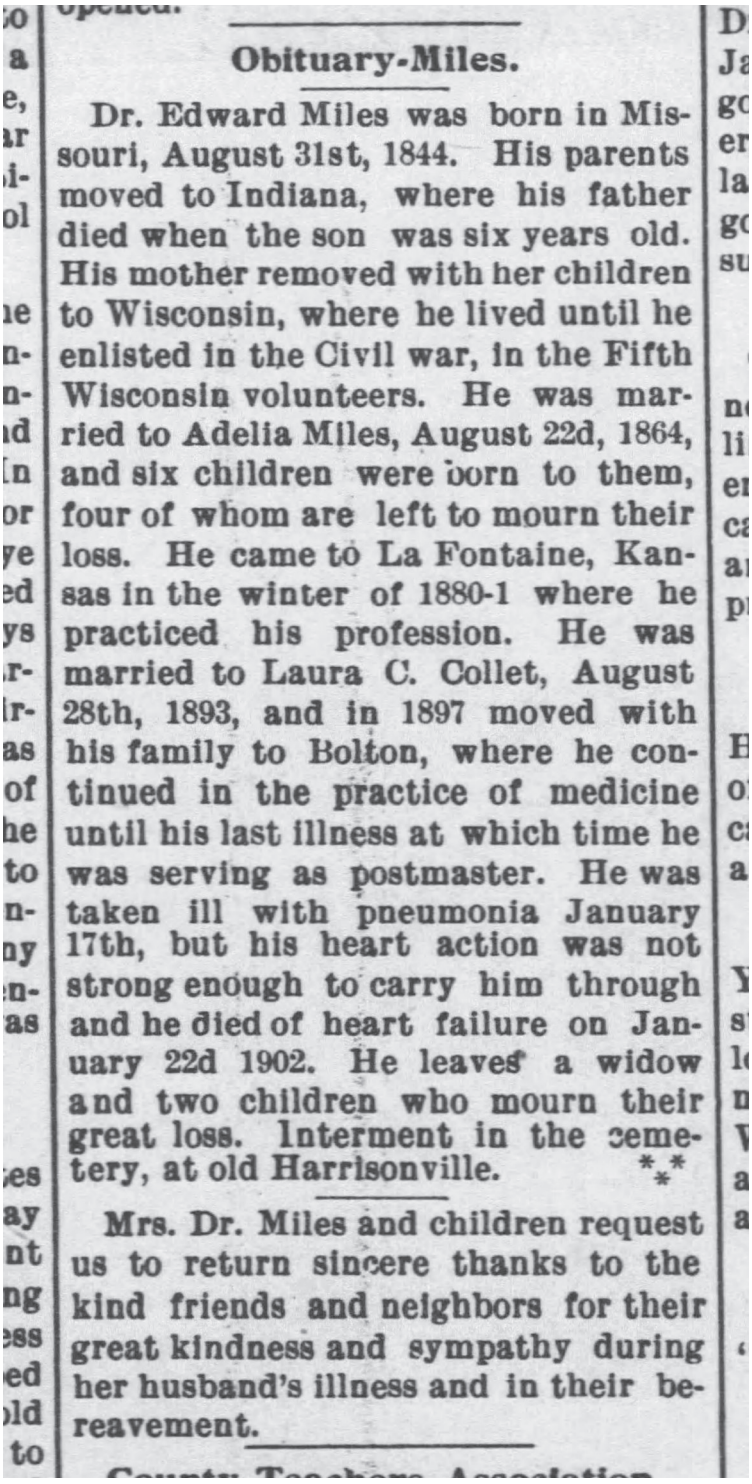
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SLAVES. — MALES. — FEMALES. — TOTAL. — NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EACH FAMILY EMPLOYED IN — PERSONS, NOT PENITENTIARY OR MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. — NAMES. — AGES. — DEAF AND DUMB BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 20 YEARS. — BLIND. — INSANE AND IDIOTIC. — PERSONS WHO COULD NOT READ AND WRITE. — SCHOOLS, &c.

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Figure 3.5

Edward R. Miles Obituary



Obituary-Miles.

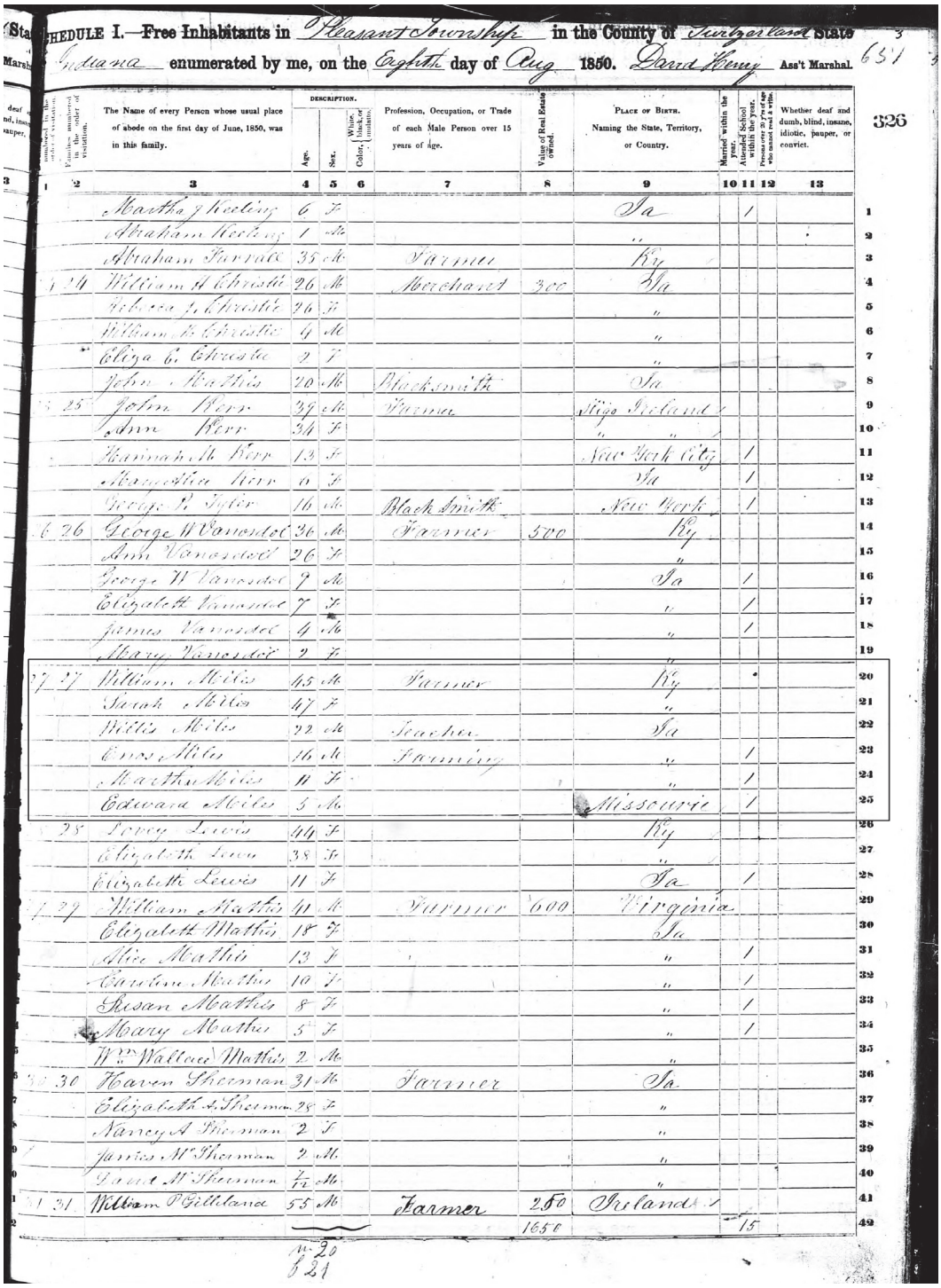
Dr. Edward Miles was born in Missouri, August 31st, 1844. His parents moved to Indiana, where his father died when the son was six years old. His mother removed with her children to Wisconsin, where he lived until he enlisted in the Civil war, in the Fifth Wisconsin volunteers. He was married to Adelia Miles, August 22d, 1864, and six children were born to them, four of whom are left to mourn their loss. He came to La Fontaine, Kansas in the winter of 1880-1 where he practiced his profession. He was married to Laura C. Collet, August 28th, 1893, and in 1897 moved with his family to Bolton, where he continued in the practice of medicine until his last illness at which time he was serving as postmaster. He was taken ill with pneumonia January 17th, but his heart action was not strong enough to carry him through and he died of heart failure on January 22d 1902. He leaves a widow and two children who mourn their great loss. Interment in the cemetery, at old Harrisonville. ***

Mrs. Dr. Miles and children request us to return sincere thanks to the kind friends and neighbors for their great kindness and sympathy during her husband's illness and in their bereavement.

South Kansas Tribune (Independence, KS), 5 Feb 1902, pg. 3 (newspapers.com)

Figure 3.6

1850 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Pleasant Township in the County of Switzerland State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the Eighth day of Aug 1850. David Henry Ass't Marshal. 651

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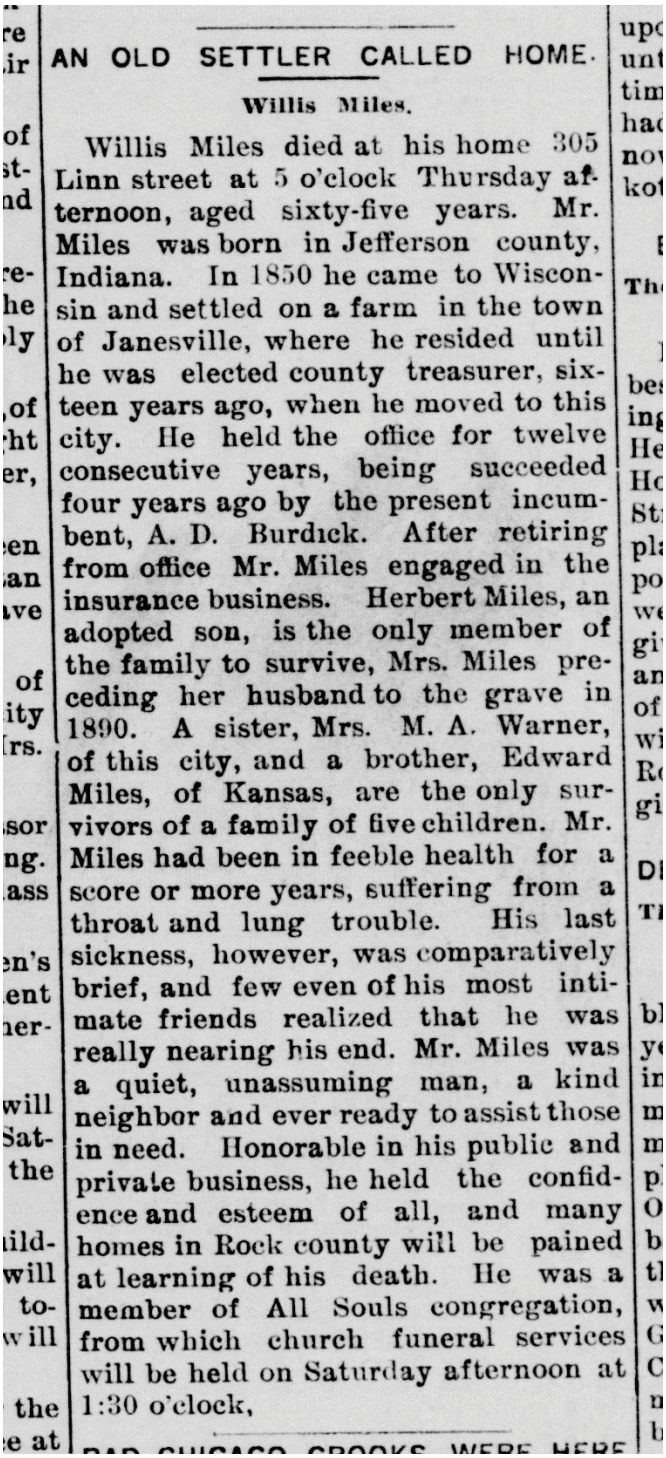
		The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Color, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
		Martha J Keeling	6	F				Ia		1			1
		Abraham Keeling	1	M				"					2
		Abraham Farrah	35	M		Farmer		Ky					3
	24	William H Christie	26	M		Merchant	300	Ia					4
		Rebecca J Christie	26	F				"					5
		William D Christie	4	M				"					6
		Eliza C Christie	2	F				"					7
		John Mathis	20	M		Blacksmith		Ia					8
	25	John Parr	39	M		Farmer		Kings Ireland					9
		Ann Parr	34	F				" "					10
		Hannah M Parr	13	F				New York City		1			11
		Margaretta Parr	6	F				Va		1			12
		George P Tyler	16	M		Black Smith		New York		1			13
	26	George W Vanosdol	36	M		Farmer	500	Ky					14
		Ann Vanosdol	26	F				"					15
		George W Vanosdol	9	M				Ia		1			16
		Elizabeth Vanosdol	7	F				"		1			17
		James Vanosdol	4	M				"		1			18
		Mary Vanosdol	2	F				"					19
	27	William Mills	45	M		Farmer		Ky					20
		Sarah Mills	47	F				"					21
		Willis Mills	22	M		Teacher		Ia					22
		Enos Mills	16	M		Farming		"		1			23
		Martha Mills	11	F				"		1			24
		Edward Mills	5	M				Missouri		1			25
	28	Davey Lewis	46	F				Ky					26
		Elizabeth Lewis	38	F				"					27
		Elizabeth Lewis	11	F				Ia		1			28
	29	William Mathis	41	M		Farmer	600	Virginia					29
		Elizabeth Mathis	18	F				Ia					30
		Alice Mathis	13	F				"		1			31
		Caroline Mathis	10	F				"		1			32
		Susan Mathis	8	F				"		1			33
		Mary Mathis	5	F				"		1			34
		Wm Wallace Mathis	2	M				"					35
	30	Haven Sherman	31	M		Farmer		Ia					36
		Elizabeth A Sherman	28	F				"					37
		Nancy A Sherman	2	F				"					38
		James M Sherman	2	M				"					39
		Isaac M Sherman	7/12	M				"					40
	31	William P Gilliland	55	M		Farmer	250	Irelands					41
							1650			15			42

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Figure 3.7

Willis Miles Obituary



AN OLD SETTLER CALLED HOME.

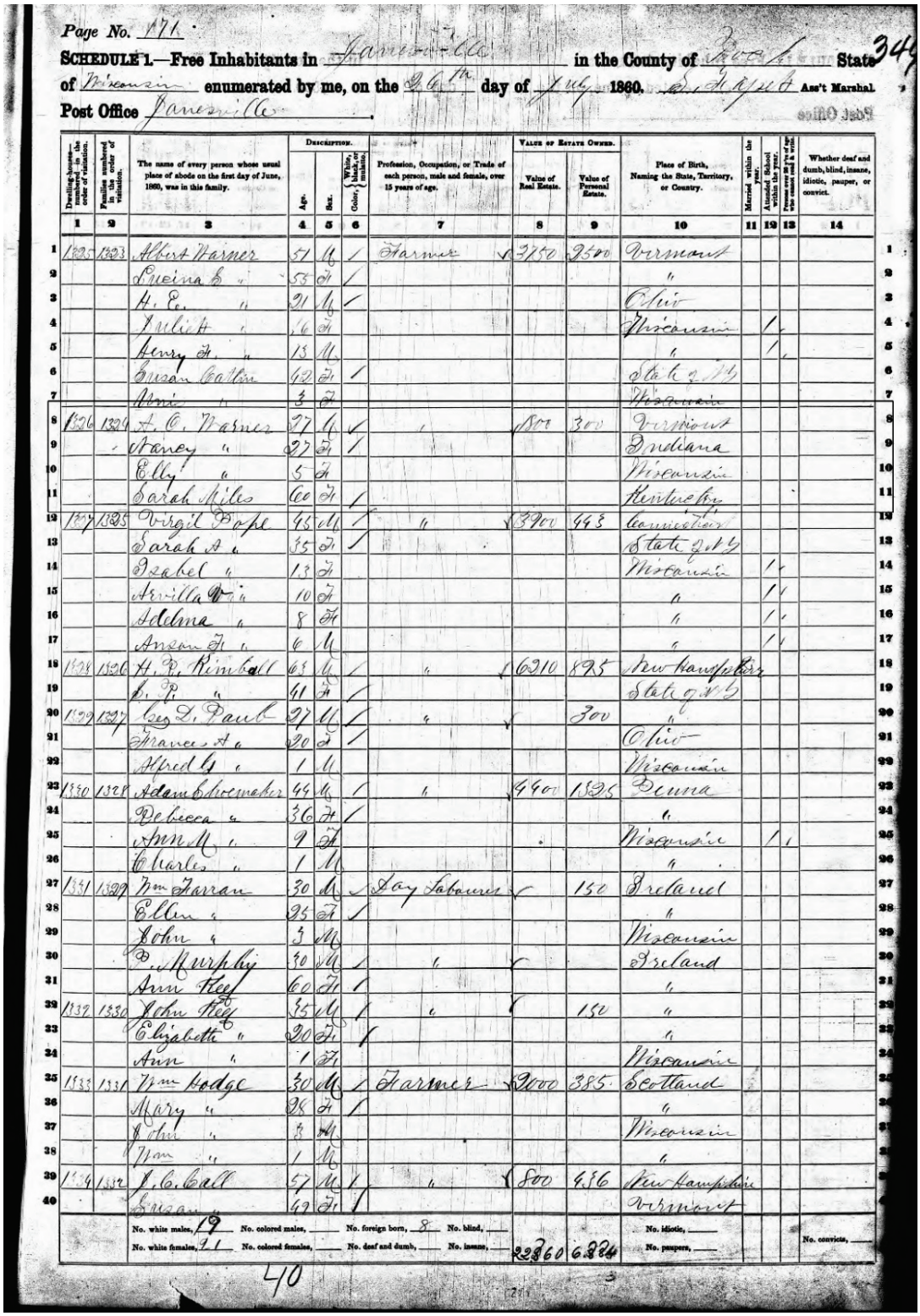
Willis Miles.

Willis Miles died at his home 305 Linn street at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, aged sixty-five years. Mr. Miles was born in Jefferson county, Indiana. In 1850 he came to Wisconsin and settled on a farm in the town of Janesville, where he resided until he was elected county treasurer, sixteen years ago, when he moved to this city. He held the office for twelve consecutive years, being succeeded four years ago by the present incumbent, A. D. Burdick. After retiring from office Mr. Miles engaged in the insurance business. Herbert Miles, an adopted son, is the only member of the family to survive, Mrs. Miles preceding her husband to the grave in 1890. A sister, Mrs. M. A. Warner, of this city, and a brother, Edward Miles, of Kansas, are the only survivors of a family of five children. Mr. Miles had been in feeble health for a score or more years, suffering from a throat and lung trouble. His last sickness, however, was comparatively brief, and few even of his most intimate friends realized that he was really nearing his end. Mr. Miles was a quiet, unassuming man, a kind neighbor and ever ready to assist those in need. Honorable in his public and private business, he held the confidence and esteem of all, and many homes in Rock county will be pained at learning of his death. He was a member of All Souls congregation, from which church funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock,

Janesville (WI) Gazette, 23 Sep 1892, Pg. 4. (newspaperarchive.com)]

Figure 3.8

1860 United States Federal Census – Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Janesville in the County of Rock State of Wisconsin enumerated by me, on the 26th day of July, 1860. A. Hayes Ass't Marshal.

Post Office Janesville

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1323	1323	Albert Warner	51	M	W	Farmer	3750	2500	Vermont				
		Lucina "	55	F	W				"				
		H. Ee. "	21	M	W				Ohio				
		Juliett "	16	F					Wisconsin		1		
		Henry H. "	13	M					"		1		
		Susan Catlin	42	F	W				Stat of Me				
		Ann "	3	F					Wisconsin				
1326	1324	A. C. Warner	27	M	W	"	800	300	Vermont				
		Nancy "	27	F	W				Indiana				
		Elly "	5	F					Wisconsin				
		Sarah Miles	60	F	W				Kentucky				
1327	1325	Virgil Pope	45	M	W	"	3900	443	Connecticut				
		Sarah A. "	35	F	W				State of Ky				
		Izabel "	13	F					Wisconsin		1		
		Orvilla D. "	10	F					"		1		
		Adelma "	8	F					"		1		
		Anson F. "	6	M					"		1		
1328	1326	H. P. Kimball	63	M	W	"	6310	895	New Hampshire				
		L. P. "	41	F	W				State of N.Y.				
1329	1327	Ley D. Daub	27	M	W	"		300	"				
		Frances A. "	20	F	W				Ohio				
		Alfred G. "	1	M	W				Wisconsin				
1330	1328	Adam Shoemaker	44	M	W	"	4400	1335	Penna				
		Rebecca "	36	F	W				"				
		Ann M. "	9	F					Wisconsin		1		
		Charles "	1	M					"				
1331	1329	Wm Farran	30	M	W	Day Labourer		150	Ireland				
		Ellen "	25	F	W				"				
		John "	3	M					Wisconsin				
		D. Murphy	30	M	W	"			Ireland				
		Ann Fee	60	F	W				"				
1332	1330	John Fee	35	M	W	"		150	"				
		Elizabeth "	30	F	W				"				
		Ann "	1	F					Wisconsin				
1333	1331	Wm Hodge	30	M	W	Farmer	2000	385	Scotland				
		Mary "	28	F	W				"				
		John "	8	M					Wisconsin				
		Wm "	1	M					"				
1334	1332	J. C. Ball	57	M	W	"	800	436	New Hampshire				
		Susan "	49	F	W				Vermont				

No. white males, 19 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, 8 No. blind, ____

No. white females, 21 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____

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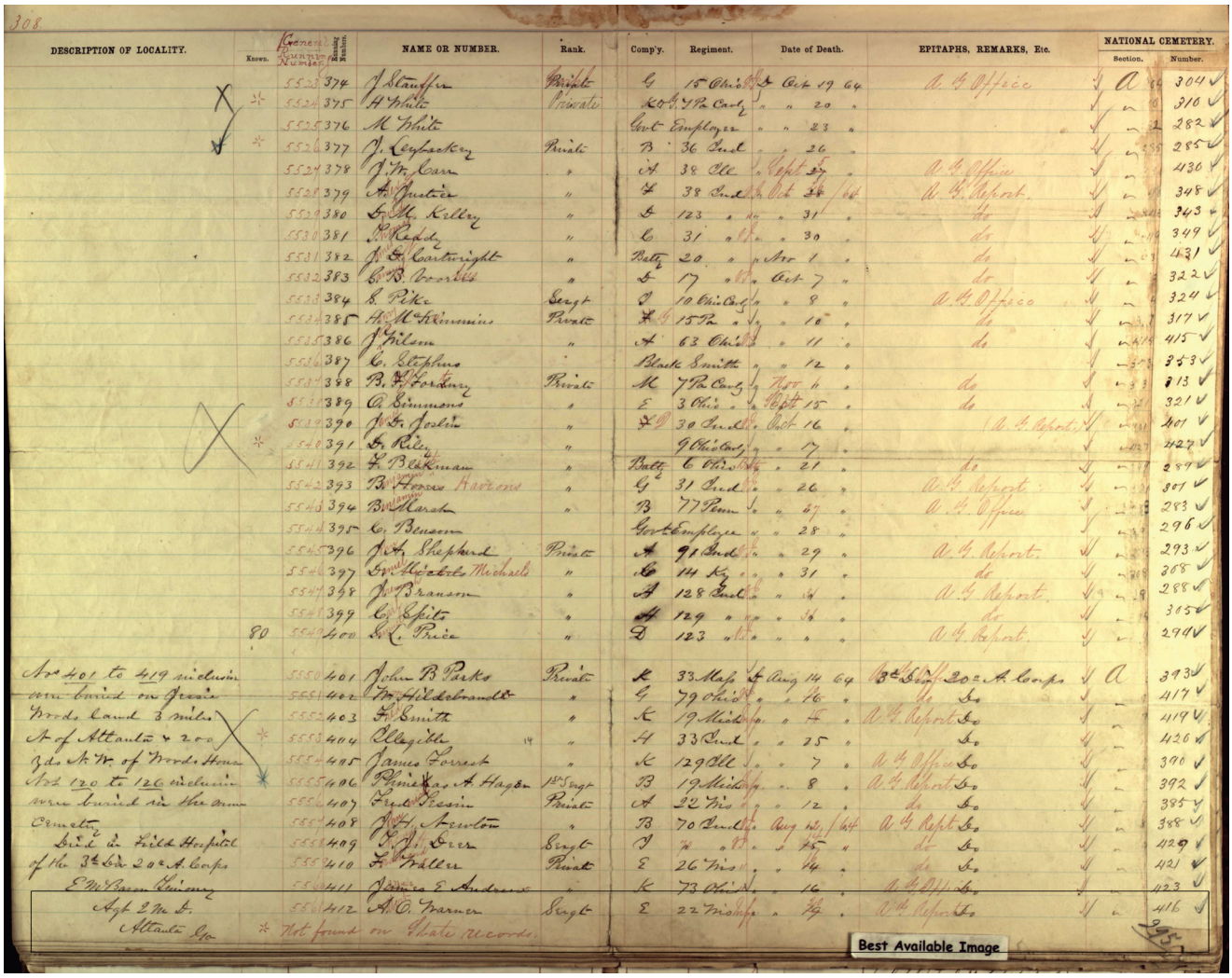
No. idiotic, ____ No. paupers, ____ No. convicts, ____

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Figure 3.9

Burial Record for Albert Otis Warner

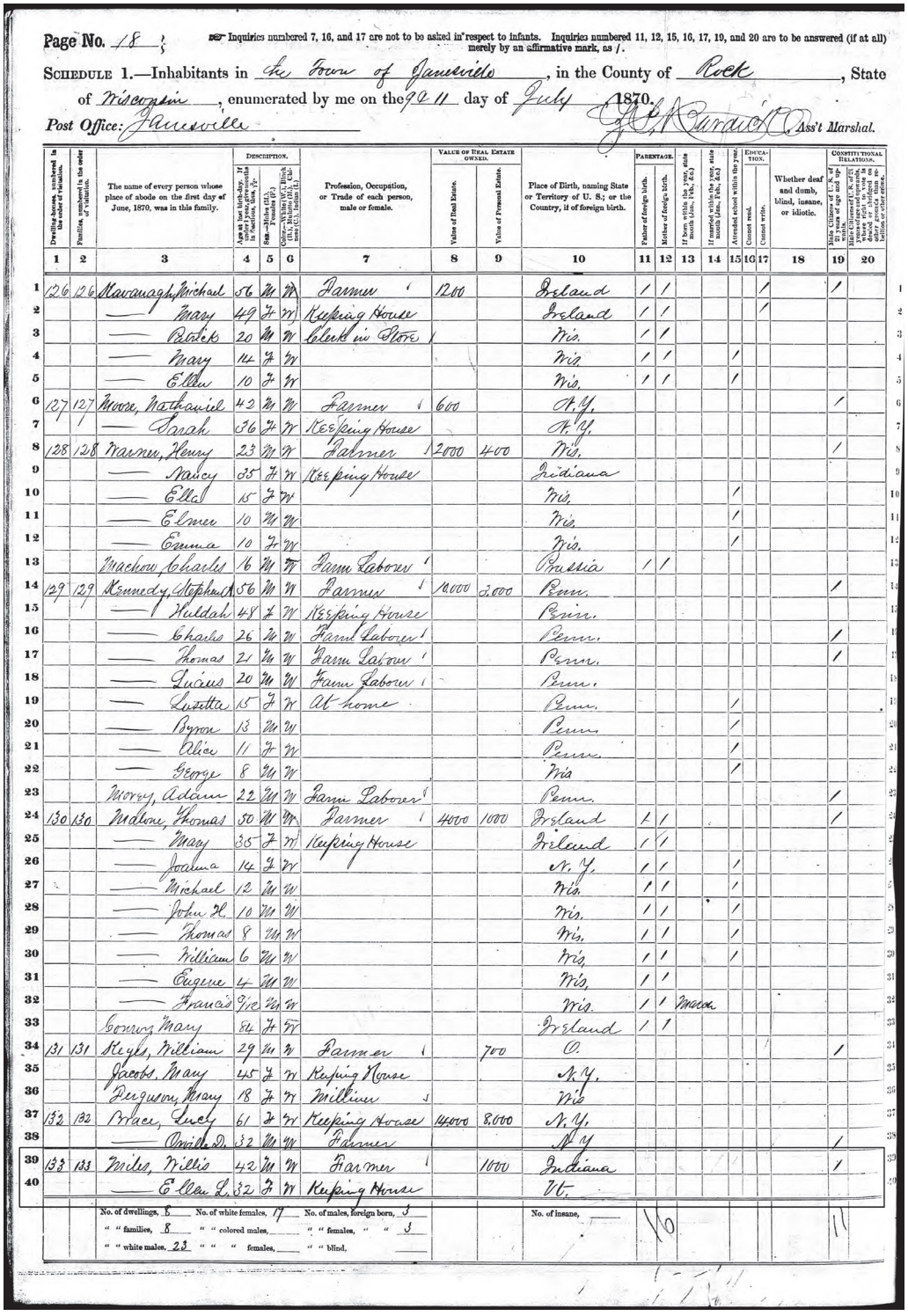


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Figure 3.10 (2 pages)

1870 United States Federal Census – Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin

(Miles family begins at the bottom of first page and continues to top of second page)



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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the Town of Janesville, in the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, enumerated by me on the 9 & 11 day of July 1870.

Post Office: Janesville

G. P. Randall Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, give months in fractions of a year.	Description: Sex—Male (M.) Female (F.)	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S., of 21 years of age and upwards.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S., of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	126	126	Mavanagh, Michael	56	M	W	Farmer	1200		Ireland	/	/				/		/	
2			" Mary	49	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/				/			
3			" Robert	20	M	W	Clerk in Store			Wis.	/	/							
4			" Mary	14	F	W				Wis.	/	/			/				
5			" Ellen	10	F	W				Wis.	/	/			/				
6	127	127	Moore, Nathaniel	42	M	W	Farmer	600		N.Y.								/	
7			" Sarah	36	F	W	Keeping House			N.Y.									
8	128	128	Warren, Henry	23	M	W	Farmer	2000	400	Wis.								/	
9			" Nancy	35	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana									
10			" Ella	15	F	W				Wis.					/				
11			" Elmer	10	M	W				Wis.					/				
12			" Emma	10	F	W				Wis.					/				
13			Trachow, Charles	16	M	W	Farm Laborer			Prussia	/	/							
14	129	129	Kennedy, Stephen	56	M	W	Farmer	12000	3000	Penn.								/	
15			" Huldah	48	F	W	Keeping House			Penn.									
16			" Charles	26	M	W	Farm Laborer			Penn.								/	
17			" Thomas	21	M	W	Farm Laborer			Penn.								/	
18			" Lucius	20	M	W	Farm Laborer			Penn.									
19			" Lucette	15	F	W	At home			Penn.					/				
20			" Byron	13	M	W				Penn.					/				
21			" Alice	11	F	W				Penn.					/				
22			" George	8	M	W				Wis					/				
23			Morey, Adam	22	M	W	Farm Laborer			Penn.								/	
24	130	130	Malone, Thomas	50	M	W	Farmer	4000	1000	Ireland	/	/						/	
25			" Mary	35	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/							
26			" Joanna	14	F	W				N.Y.	/	/			/				
27			" Michael	12	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/				
28			" John L.	10	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/				
29			" Thomas	8	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/				
30			" William	6	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/				
31			" Eugene	4	M	W				Wis.	/	/							
32			" Francis	9/12	M	W				Wis.	/	/	March						
33			Conroy, Mary	84	F	W				Ireland	/	/							
34	131	131	Keyes, William	29	M	W	Farmer		700	O.						/		/	
35			Jacobs, Mary	45	F	W	Keeping House			N.Y.									
36			Ferguson, Mary	18	F	W	Milliner			Wis									
37	132	132	Brace, Lucy	61	F	W	Keeping House	14000	8000	N.Y.									
38			" Orville D.	32	M	W	Farmer			N.Y.								/	
39	133	133	Miles, Willis	42	M	W	Farmer		1000	Indiana								/	
40			" Ellen L.	32	F	W	Keeping House			Vt.									

No. of dwellings, 8 — No. of white females, 17 — No. of males, foreign born, 3
" " families, 8 — " " colored males, — — " " females, " " 3
" " white males, 23 — " " " females, — — " " blind, —
No. of insane, —

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the Town of Janesville, in the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, enumerated by me on the 11 day of July, 1870.

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Post Office: Janesville

E. P. Carrick Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fractions.	Sex.	Color.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE. Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	EDUCATION. Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS. Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Miles Sarah	68	F	W				Ky.										
		Warren Juliastte	25	F	W	Teacher			Wis.										
		Williams, John	14	M	W				Wis					/					
134	134	Ward. Silas	37	M	W	Farmer	6400	2000	N. Y.									/	
		— Mercy C.	28	F	W	Keeping House			N. C.										
		— Edwin	10	M	W				Wis.					/					
		Buchell, John	18	M	W	Farm Labour			Ill.	/	/								
135	135	Warner, Albert	61	M	W	Farmer	6200	3000	Vt.									/	
		— Cordelia	47	F	W	Keeping House			N. Y.										
		Jackson, Ella	14	F	W	at Home			Wis					/					
136	136	Caldwell, Eliza	42	F	W	Keeping House	14800	3000	England	/	/								
		— William	13	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/					
		— James	21	M	W	Farmer			Wis.	/	/							/	
		Alexander	18	M	W	Farm Labour			Wis.	/	/								
137	137	Caldwell, Thomas	23	M	W	Farmer		2000	Wis.	/	/							/	
		— Lavy	20	F	W	Keeping House			Penn.										
		— Hetta	9/12	F	W				Wis.			Aug.							
138	138	Caldwell, Alexander	52	M	W	Farmer	4000	500	Scotland	/	/							/	
		— Helen	52	F	W	Keeping House			Scotland	/	/								
		— Jennie	23	F	W	at home			Wis.	/	/								
		— Helen	22	F	W	at home			Wis.	/	/								
		Southerly, Luther	10	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/					
139	139	McElroy, Patrick	33	M	W	Farm Laborer			Ireland	/	/								
		— Lavecia	31	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/								
		— Rosanna	9	F	W				Mass.	/	/			/					
		— William	8	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/					
		— Edward	6	M	W				Wis.	/	/			/					
		— Margaret	4	F	W				Wis.	/	/								
		— John J.	2	M	W				Wis.	/	/								
		— Alice	1/12	F	W				Wis.	/	/	apl.							
140	140	Bear, James	53	M	W	Farmer	9900	4000	Penn.									/	
		— Sarah	48	F	W	Keeping House			Penn.										
		— Joseph	23	M	W	Farm Labour			Wis.									/	
		— John	21	M	W	Farm Labour			Wis.			Dec.	Dec.					/	
		— Hannah	17	F	W	Keeping House			Ind.			Dec.	Dec.						
		— Sarah	16	F	W	at home			Wis.					/					
141	141	Wood, Byron	22	M	W	Farmer		2000	Wis.									/	
		— Mary	24	F	W	Keeping House			Wis.										
142	142	Fort, Jacob	54	M	W	Farmer	3000	1500	N. Y.									/	
		— Caroline	55	F	W	Keeping House			N. Y.										

No. of dwellings, 9 No. of white females, 20 No. of males, foreign born, 2

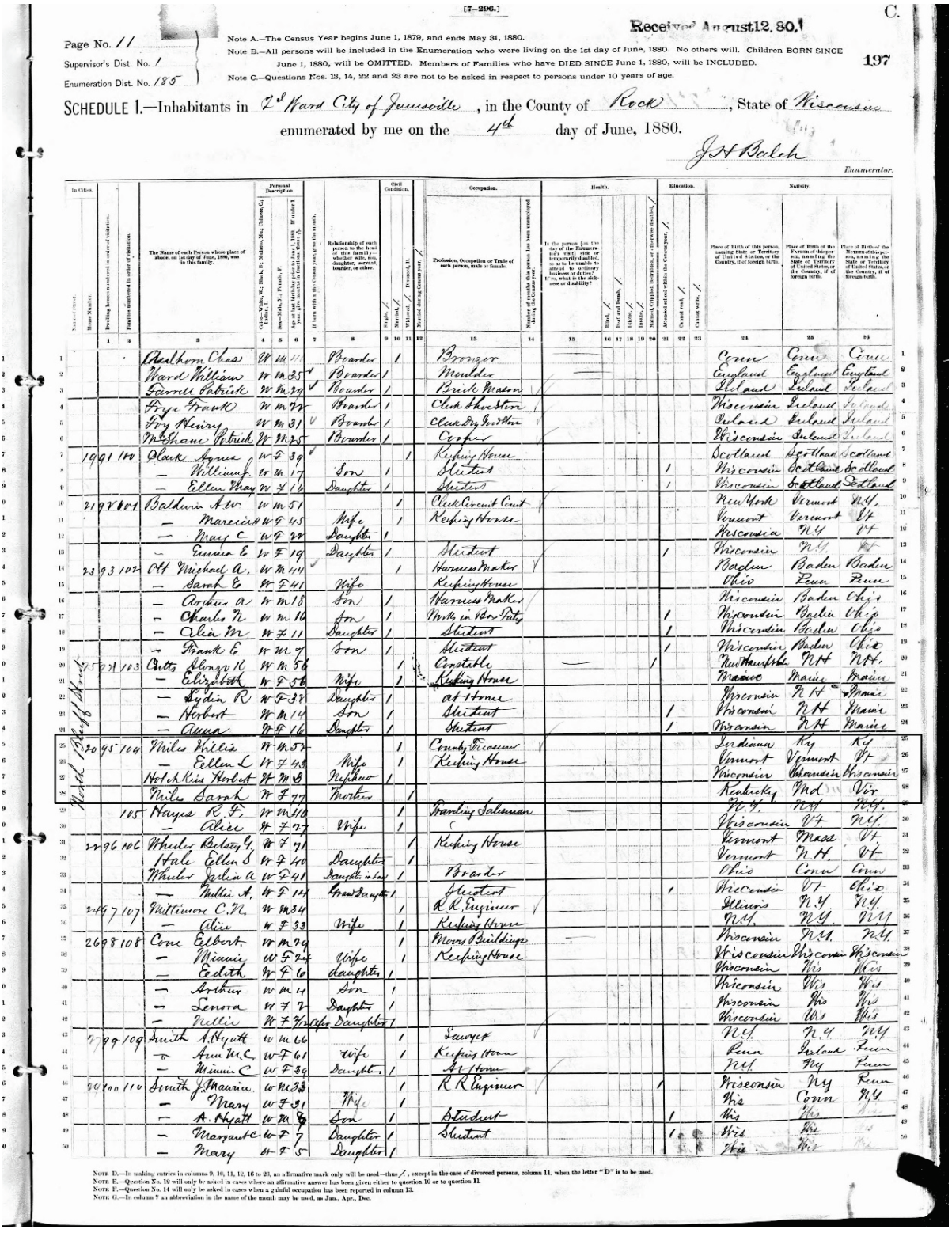
" " families, 9 " " colored males, ____ " " females, " " 3

" " white males, 20 " " " females, ____ " " blind, ____

No. of insane, ____ 19 16

Figure 3.11

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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in 2d Ward City of Janesville, in the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, enumerated by me on the 4th day of June, 1880.

J. H. Balch
Enumerator.

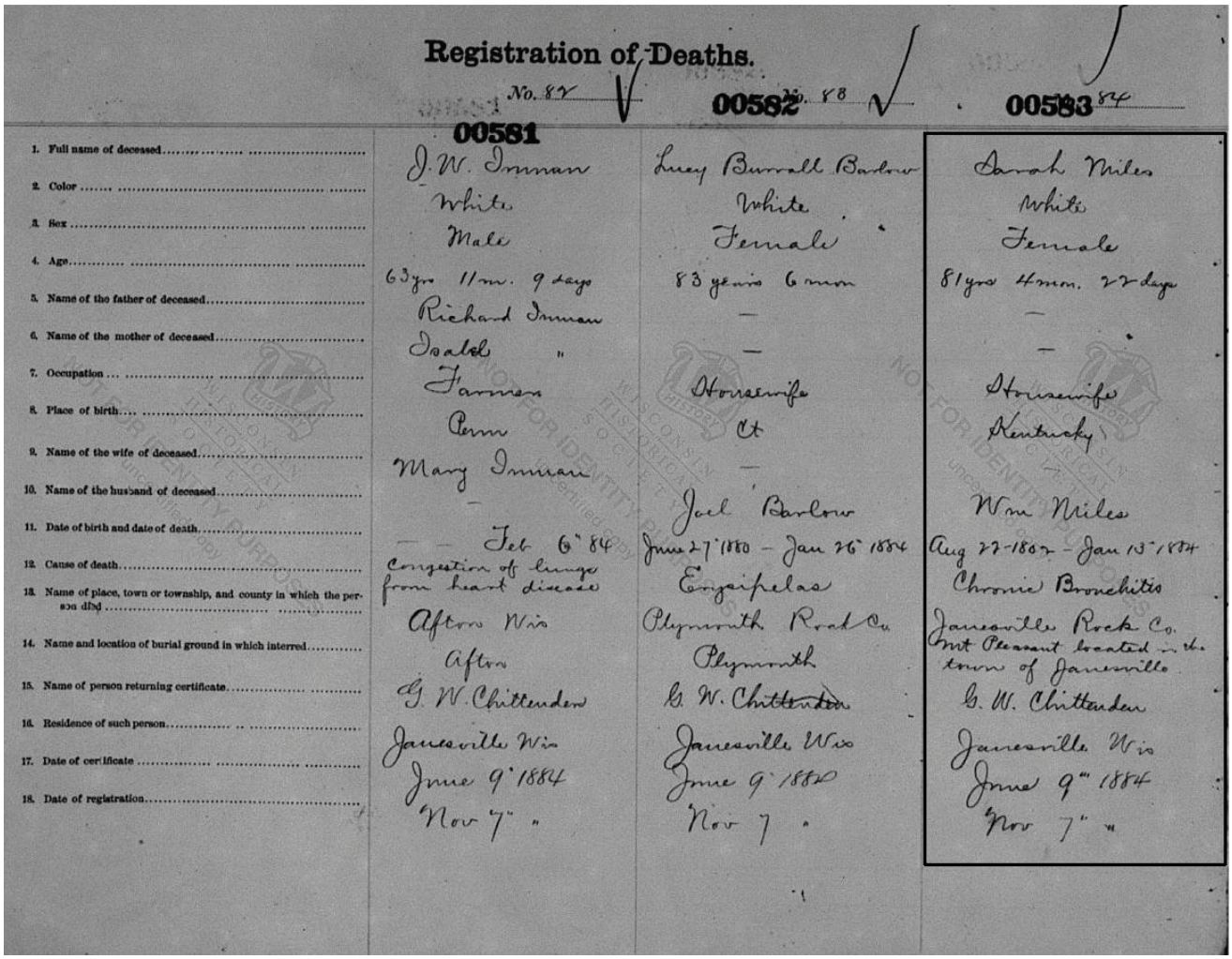
	In Cities.	Name of Street.	House Number.	Dwelling-houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on last day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus: 6/12.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced.	Married during Census year.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person (or the one of the Enumerator's visit) sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1						Rathbone Chas	W	M			Boarder		1			Bronzer											Conn	Conn	Conn
2						Ward William	W	M	35		Boarder	1				Moulder											England	England	England
3						Farrell Patrick	W	M	24		Boarder	1				Brick Mason											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
4						Frye Frank	W	M	22		Boarder	1				Clerk Shoestore											Wisconsin	Ireland	Ireland
5						Fay Henry	W	M	31		Boarder	1				Clerk Dry Goods											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
6						McShane Patrick	W	M	25		Boarder	1				Carpenter											Wisconsin	Ireland	Ireland
7		199	110			Clark Agnes	W	F	39					1		Keeping House											Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
8						— William	W	M	17		Son	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	Scotland	Scotland
9						— Ellen Mary	W	F	16		Daughter	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	Scotland	Scotland
10		219	101			Baldwin A W	W	M	51					1		Clerk Circuit Court											New York	Vermont	N.Y.
11						— Marcia A	W	F	45		Wife			1		Keeping House											Vermont	Vermont	Vt
12						— Mary C	W	F	22		Daughter	1															Wisconsin	N.Y.	Vt
13						— Emma E	W	F	19		Daughter	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	N.Y.	Vt
14		23	93	102		Ott Michael A.	W	M	44					1		Harness Maker											Baden	Baden	Baden
15						— Sarah E	W	F	41		Wife			1		Keeping House											Ohio	Penn	Penn
16						— Arthur A	W	M	18		Son	1				Harness Maker											Wisconsin	Baden	Ohio
17						— Charles N	W	M	16		Son	1				Work in Box Factory								1			Wisconsin	Baden	Ohio
18						— Alice M	W	F	11		Daughter	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	Baden	Ohio
19						— Frank E	W	M	7		Son	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	Baden	Ohio
20		75	97	103		Betts Alonzo K	W	M	56					1		Constable											New Hampshire	N.H.	N.H.
21						— Elizabeth	W	F	56		Wife			1		Keeping House											Maine	Maine	Maine
22						— Lydia R	W	F	38		Daughter	1				at Home											Wisconsin	N.H.	Maine
23						— Herbert	W	M	14		Son	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	N.H.	Maine
24						— Anna	W	F	16		Daughter	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	N.H.	Maine
25		220	95	104		Miles Willis	W	M	55					1		County Treasurer											Indiana	Ky	Ky
26						— Ellen C	W	F	48		Wife			1		Keeping House											Vermont	Vt	Vt
27						Hotchkiss Herbert	W	M	8		Nephew	1															Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
28						Miles Sarah	W	F	77		Mother			1													Kentucky	Md	Vir
29			105			Hayes R. F.	W	M	40					1		Traveling Salesman											N.Y.	N.H.	N.H.
30						— Alice	W	F	27		Wife			1													Wisconsin	Vt	N.H.
31		221	96	106		Wheeler Betsey G.	W	F	71						1	Keeping House											Vermont	Mass	Vt
32						Hale Ellen S	W	F	40		Daughter				1												Vermont	N.H.	Vt
33						Wheeler Julia A	W	F	41		Daughter-in-law	1				Boarder											Ohio	Conn	Conn
34						— Nellie A	W	F	14		Granddaughter	1				Student								1			Wisconsin	Vt	Ohio
35		224	97	107		Mittimore C. N.	W	M	34					1		R R Engineer											Illinois	N.Y.	N.Y.
36						— Alice	W	F	33		Wife			1		Keeping House											N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
37		226	98	108		Cone Elbert	W	M	29					1		Moves Buildings											Wisconsin	N.H.	N.H.
38						— Minnie	W	F	24		Wife			1		Keeping House											Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
39						— Edith	W	F	6		daughter	1															Wisconsin	Wis	Wis
40						— Arthur	W	M	4		Son	1															Wisconsin	Wis	Wis
41						— Lenora	W	F	2		Daughter	1															Wisconsin	Wis	Wis
42						— Nellie	W	F	1/12	Apr	Daughter	1															Wisconsin	Wis	Wis
43		227	99	109		Smith A. Hyatt	W	M	66					1		Lawyer											N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
44						— Ann M. C.	W	F	61		Wife			1		Keeping House											Penn	Ireland	Penn
45						— Minnie C	W	F	29		Daughter	1				At Home											N.Y.	N.Y.	Penn
46		229	100	110		Smith J. Maurice	W	M	33					1		R R Engineer									1		Wisconsin	N.Y.	Penn
47						— Mary	W	F	31		Wife			1													Wis	Conn	N.Y.
48						— A. Hyatt	W	M	8		Son	1				Student								1			Wis	Wis	
49						— Margaret C	W	F	7		Daughter	1				Student								1			Wis	Wis	
50						— Mary	W	F	5		Daughter	1															Wis	Wis	

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Figure 3.12

Sarah (Roberts) Miles[3] Death Registration



Registration of Deaths.

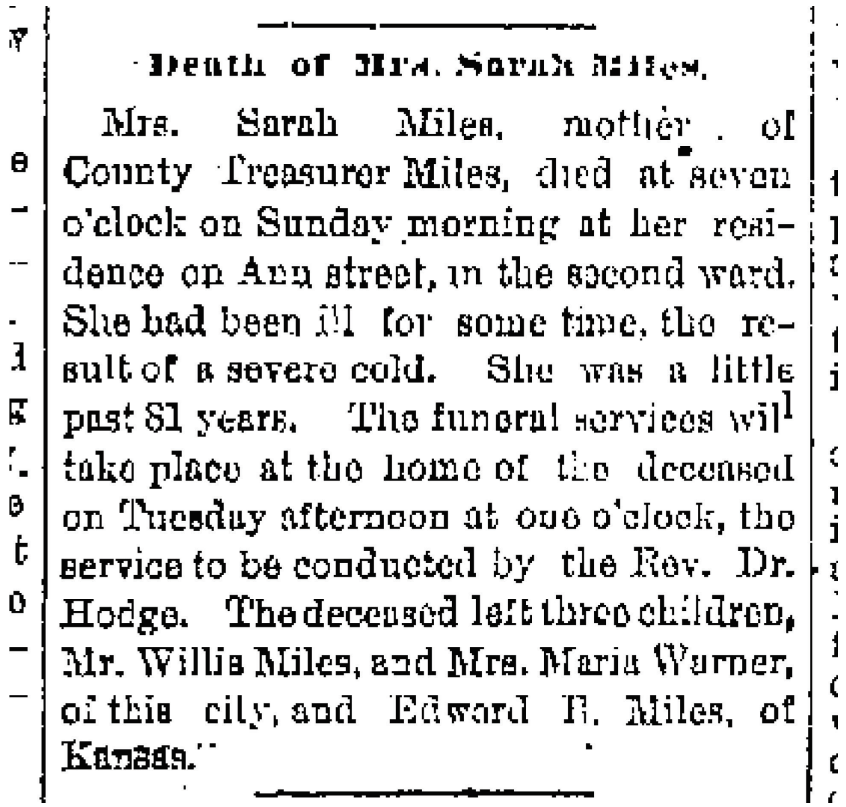
	No. 82	No. 83	No. 84
	00581	00582	00583
1. Full name of deceased	J. W. Inman	Lucy Burrall Barlow	Sarah Miles
2. Color	White	White	White
3. Sex	Male	Female	Female
4. Age	63 yrs 11 mo. 9 days	83 years 6 mon	81 yrs 4 mon. 27 days
5. Name of the father of deceased	Richard Inman	—	—
6. Name of the mother of deceased	Isabel "	—	—
7. Occupation	Farmer	Housewife	Housewife
8. Place of birth	Penn	Ct	Kentucky
9. Name of the wife of deceased	Mary Inman	—	—
10. Name of the husband of deceased	—	Joel Barlow	Wm Miles
11. Date of birth and date of death	— Feb 6" 84	June 27 1880 – Jan 26 1884	Aug 27-1802 – Jan 13 1884
12. Cause of death	Congestion of lungs from heart disease	Erysipelas	Chronic Bronchitis
13. Name of place, town or township, and county in which the person died	Afton Wis	Plymouth Road Co Plymouth	Janesville Rock Co. Mt Pleasant located in the town of Janesville
14. Name and location of burial ground in which interred	Afton	G. W. Chittenden	G. W. Chittenden
15. Name of person returning certificate	G. W. Chittenden	Janesville Wis	Janesville Wis
16. Residence of such person	Janesville Wis	June 9 1884	June 9" 1884
17. Date of certificate	June 9 1884	Nov 7 "	Nov 7" "
18. Date of registration	Nov 7" "		

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Figure 3.13

Sarah (Roberts) Miles[3] Obituary and Burial Notice

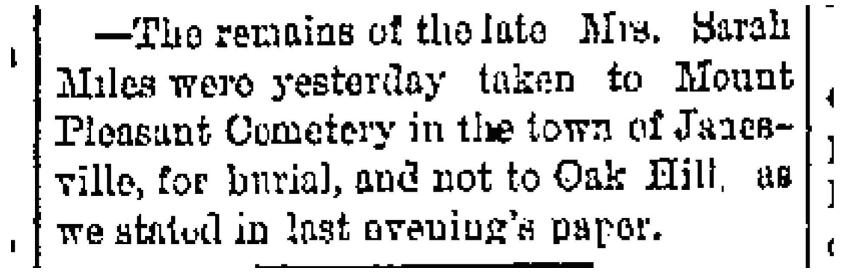
A



Death of Mrs. Sarah Miles.

Mrs. Sarah Miles, mother of County Treasurer Miles, died at seven o'clock on Sunday morning at her residence on Ann street, in the second ward. She had been ill for some time, the result of a severe cold. She was a little past 81 years. The funeral services will take place at the home of the deceased on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, the service to be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hodge. The deceased left three children, Mr. Willis Miles, and Mrs. Maria Warner, of this city, and Edward F. Miles, of Kansas.

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—The remains of the late Mrs. Sarah Miles were yesterday taken to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in the town of Janesville, for burial, and not to Oak Hill, as we stated in last evening's paper.

A: *Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette*, 14 Jan 1884, pg. 4.
B: *Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette*, 16 Jan 1884, pg. 4.
(both from newspaperarchive.com)

4. JOHN S. ROBERTS (b. 30 Jun 1805, d. 17 Dec 1875)

Birth: 30 Jun 1805 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: btw. 1824 and 1826 to Jane Salyers in Indiana (b. 3 Oct 1806 in Kentucky; d. 7 Mar 1880 in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana).

- William Roberts
  - b. 2 Feb 1827 in Indiana, likely Ripley County.
  - m. 16 Mar 1848 to Sarah L. Christie in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 10 Mar 1829 in Jefferson County, Indiana; d. 16 Dec 1912 in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana).
  - d. 5 Sep 1891 in Adams, Decatur County, Indiana.
- Charles Roberts
  - b. 30 Sep 1828 in Switzerland County, Indiana;
  - m. 2 Oct 1851 to Ammarilla Reynolds, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 13 Nov 1828 in Indiana; d. Oct 1879 in Shelby Twp., Jefferson County, Indiana).
  - d. 18 May 1906 in Osceola, Polk County, Nebraska.
- Sarah "Sallie" Ann Roberts
  - b. 20 Nov 1830 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 22 Nov 1853 to William Rafe Rayburn in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 18 Oct 1822 in Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, Kentucky; d. 23 Jan 1893 in Warren County, Illinois).
  - d. 12 Sep 1905 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
- John Roberts
  - b. 5 Dec 1832 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 8 Mar 1857 to Elizabeth Ann Murrell in Warren County, Illinois (b. 1 Feb 1835 in Botetourt County, Virginia; d. 2 Feb 1917 in Jasper County, Iowa).
  - d. 27 Jan 1922 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
- Maranda Roberts
  - b. 2 Dec 1834 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 14 Feb 1864 to James Henry Clay Demaree in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 18 Sep 1830 in Indiana, likely Ripley County; d. 7 Jun 1904 in Shelby Twp., Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. 24 Apr 1917 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
- Jeremiah "Jerry" H. Roberts
  - b. 6 Jan 1837 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m1. Dec 1872 to Sarah McClure in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1848 in Indiana; d. 7 Feb 1873 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana).

    - m2. 1 Nov 1877 to Rose Belle Robinson in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1853 in Indiana; d. 5 Feb 1881 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana).
    - d. 19 Nov 1918 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
- Edward Roberts
    - b. 7 Aug 1839 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
    - m. 17 Dec 1873 to Mary Jane Mitchell in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 26 Aug 1846 in Indiana; d. 2 Aug 1935 in Bryantsburg, Jefferson County, Indiana).
    - d. 15 Feb 1922 in Bryantsburg, Jefferson County, Indiana.
- Henry S. Roberts
    - b. 17 May 1842 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
    - m. 9 Nov 1902 to Anna Kennard in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana (b. 12 Oct 1840 in Kent, England; d. 20 May 1922 in Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas).
    - d. 25 Jul 1925 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
- David Roberts
    - b. 30 Aug 1845 in Indiana, likely Jefferson County.
    - d. 27 Sep 1892 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
- Ella Jane Roberts
    - b. 7 Aug 1849 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
    - m. 2 Jun 1872 to James H. Kennedy in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 31 Mar 1841 in Indiana; d. 11 Nov 1875).
    - d. 7 Aug 1930 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
- Quintilla A. Roberts
    - b. 22 Dec 1852 in Shelby, Jefferson County, Indiana.
    - m. 31 Oct 1877 to Daniel K. Mitchell in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 4 Apr 1855 in Jefferson County, Indiana; d. 12 Aug 1928 in Monroe, Jefferson County, Indiana).
    - d. 6 Feb 1887 in Ripley County, Indiana.

Death: 17 Dec 1875 in Jefferson County, Indiana.

John is the third child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. I have found no record of his middle name, but perhaps his middle initial "S" is for Stewart, his mother's maiden name. The only record of his birth is the inscription on his headstone, stating he was born 30 Jun 1805. His birth was likely in Clark County, Kentucky as this is where his parents were married and living at the time. The Roberts family is reflected in the 1810 Clark County census, with John enumerated as one of the males under 10 years of age.[1,2]

[1] Figure 4.1. John S. Roberts[4] Headstone.
[2] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky.

- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1819, John's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with John enumerated as a male in the 10-16 year old range.[3,4]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

While I have found no marriage records for John, two sources state he married Jane Salyers, one of which identifies her as a daughter of John B. Salyers and granddaughter of a Revolutionary War soldier. While their date of marriage is not positively known, it was probably between 1824 and 1826, based on the year of birth of son, William[11], and a female identified in the Roberts household for the 1830 census, aged 5 to < 10 years.[5,6,7]

John's father passed away prior to 3 May 1830 and he was subsequently appointed guardian for his brothers, Edward[9] and Elijah[10]. There is no 1830 census record that positively reflects John and his known family at that time. No John Roberts is enumerated in the Ripley County, Indiana census, which is where John was living for the 1820 census. The 1830 census record that appears to most closely match John's known family members, including his brothers, Edward[9] and Elijah[10], is one for Switzerland County, Indiana. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear in that, or subsequent, census records.[8,9]

- Male < 5 – 1 (Charles[12])
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 (William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10])
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 (either Edward[9] or Elijah[10])

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[3] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[5] See Figure 17.1. 1889 Biographical Sketch of Edward Roberts[17]. The sketch identifies Edward's grandfather (John's father) as Nathan Roberts. Could this mean the full name of Edward Roberts[1], John's father, is Edward Nathan or Nathan Edward Roberts?
[6] See Figure 1.1. "Family History," by Orpha (Roberts) Blount.
[7] In attempting to locate a marriage record, I contacted the Jefferson County, Indiana Clerk's office, the Jefferson County, Indiana Historical Society, and the Ripley County, Indiana Historical Society. A 30 Nov 2015 email from Bev Ringwald, Jefferson County Clerk's Office, stated no marriage record was found in their 1811-1832 Marriage Record book. A 9 Feb 2016 email from Joyce Perkins, Jefferson County Historical Society, stated no marriage records were found between 1824 and 1828. A 23 Jul 2019 email from Cheryl Welch, Ripley County Historical Society, stated no marriage record was found in their records.
[8] See Figure 1.19A. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Appointment of Guardian.
[9] Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.

- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 (John[4])
- Female < 5 – 1 (Sarah[13])
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 (Unknown)
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 (Jane)

There is a discrepancy, however, with this census and known information about John's family. Birth dates for John's brothers, Edward[9] and Elijah[10], are not positively known; however, in Apr and Aug 1837, John gave his brothers their inheritance from their father's estate, apparently having reached the age of majority – 21 years of age. This places their birth abt. 1816 and both boys should be reflected in the male, aged 10 to < 15 group. John was later released from guardianship during the Aug 1841 term of the Ripley County Probate Court.[10,11]

The Roberts family remained in Switzerland County through at least 1840, where they are identified in Pleasant Township with John engaged in agriculture.[12]

- Male < 5 – 2 (Jeremiah[16] and Edward[17])
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 (John[14])
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 (William[11] and Charles[12])
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 (John[4])
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 (Sarah[13] and Maranda[15])
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 (Jane)

The family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where John had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, John and Jane were accepted into membership by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of John's property.[13,14,15]

[10] See Figure 1.20. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Edward[9] and Elijah W. Roberts[10] Estate Settlements.
[11] See Figure 1.21. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – John Roberts[4] Release from Guardianship.
[12] Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[13] Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.
[14] Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[15] Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership

West Fork Baptist Church

John served the church and her members in many capacities. He served on a number of committees to visit errant members or resolve disputes between members, meet with other churches, visit with men called as pastors, and obtain property for the church graveyard. Numerous times, he was a church delegate to the Madison Association, the governing body of Baptist churches in the area. He also served as a church trustee and, in 1848, helped select the location of a church meeting house. Between January 1854 and January 1857, he was the church clerk, recording minutes of church meetings. The records of John's service to the church end on 19 Dec 1875 when church minutes note that Elder Stevenson preached the funeral sermon of "old Bro. John Roberts." John must have been a very respected member of the congregation as this notation in the church minutes is one of the few instances where a person's death is individually noted, rather than included on a list of deaths that was recorded from time to time. Church records identify five of John and Jane's children who also joined WFBC, either by experience or by letter (Charles[12], Sarah[13], Maranda[15], Edward[17], and Henry S.[18]).

Appendix 4.1 is an index of all church records pertaining to John and Jane.

About May 1847, John's sister, Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and went to live with him and his family pending her divorce. Census records show that the value of his property increased from $2,000 to $3,100 between 1850 and 1870. John farmed this land for the remainder of his life.[16,17,18,19]

John's Death and Probate

John passed away 17 Dec 1875, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana. Funeral services were held 19 Dec 1875 at West Fork Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery.[20,21,22,23]

His will was written 7 Dec 1875, 10 days prior to his death. John signed by his mark, which was witnessed by Stovall Wilkins of Ripley County and Thomas S. Mitchell of Jefferson County. Since John was the West Fork Baptist Church clerk between 1854 and 1857, writing the minutes of each church meeting, it is clear John was able to write. The fact that he signed his will by his mark and his will was written so soon before his death suggests his health had deteriorated to the extent he was no longer able to write and may have been aware his death was imminent.[24,25]

The will includes a number of provisions that give us a glimpse into John's family life and possibly some behind-the-scenes family dynamics.

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[16] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[17] Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[18] Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[19] Figure 4.9. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[20] See Figure 4.1. John S. Roberts[4] Headstone.
[21] Figure 4.10. West Fork Baptist Church – "List of members of the West Fork Church who have Died Since May 1861." Based on its location in church records, the list was likely initially produced about Mar 1864 and updated from time to time. Record also identifies death of granddaughter Susan M. Roberts on 10 Nov 1878.
[22] Figure 4.11. West Fork Baptist Church – Funeral Sermon of Old Bro. John Roberts[4].
[23] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60404714/john-s-roberts : accessed 18 November 2021), memorial page for John S Roberts (29 Jan 1805–17 Dec 1875), Find a Grave Memorial ID 60404714, citing West Fork Cemetery, Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by pmm (contributor 47022120).
[24] Figure 4.12. John S. Roberts[4] Will.
[25] Thomas S. Mitchell is the future father-in-law of daughter, Quintilla[21].

- John bequeathed to his wife, Jane, the use of all his real estate holdings in both Ripley and Jefferson Counties, and his personal property with exceptions as further noted.[26]
- Son Edward[17] was named Executor of the estate and guardian of son David[19]. He was given charge of all of John's real and personal property to ensure Jane and David were well taken care of for the remainder of their natural lives. As needed to continue supporting Jane and David, Edward was to sell parts or parcels in such way that he deemed most advantageous for their support. He was allowed reasonable compensation from the estate for this purpose.[27]
- The Roberts family home remained with Jane and David, and with daughter Quintilla[21] as long as she was single.
- The only personal property distribution at the time of John's death was to his children Jeremiah[16], Edward[17], Henry[18], and Quintilla[21] – one cow and one feather bed each "in order to make them equal with [his] other children that has had these things given them."[28]
- After the death of both Jane and David, any estate that remains is to be disposed and after final expenses are paid, the remainder of the proceeds are to be divided equally among the remaining children: William[11], Charles[12], Sallie Ann Rayburn[13], John[14], Maranda Demaree[15], Jeremiah[16], Edward[17], Henry[18], David[19], Jane Kennedy[20], and Quintilla[21].
- Finally, John included a "no contest" clause by forbidding any lawsuit if disagreements arose about the terms of the will.[29]

John's will was verified by Stovall Wilkins on 3 Jan 1876, yet probate of the estate appears to have taken several years. On 16 Feb 1877, only a year after the will was proven, James W. May was appointed Administrator *de bonis non* of John's estate due to the resignation of John's son Edward as Executor. Available probate records do not shed any light on the reasons for Edward's

[26] While John's will states he owns property in Ripley County, I have not found a record of ownership or sale of that property in the available records.

[27] Clearly, John was planning for his son, David[19], to remain with his mother for his natural life. This suggests David had some mental or physical disability that prevented him from living on his own. While we do not know the nature of his disability, he is found in the 1880 census for Shelby Township, Jefferson County living with his sister, Quintilla[21] and her husband. In this census, he was recorded as "idiot." (See Figure 21.5)

[28] This provision suggests John's other children had already received their intended inheritance of a cow and feather bed, or financial equivalent, at the time the will was written. Since the only inheritance that went to John's children prior to or after his death was one cow and one feather bed, or financial equivalent, was John solely looking out to ensure there would be enough money to provide for wife Jane and son David for many more years, or was there a family dynamic that caused him to leave relatively little to his children, and this provision was to ensure all of his children had received an equal share of his estate?

[29] This provision suggests John was concerned one or more provisions of his will may be challenged, as that is usually the only reason for such a clause. If a disagreement arose, it was to be referred to "friends Thomas S. Mitchell and Jeremiah Roberts…one of Jefferson and one of Ripley County" for resolution. Their decision was final – "what they shall order or direct or determine therein shall be binding and conclusive to all and every person and persons therein contained." Thomas S. Mitchell is the future father-in-law of John's daughter, Quintilla. It is not clear if "friend" Jeremiah Roberts is John's son who, according to census records, was living in Ripley County at the time, or is another friend of the family. It would be highly unlikely that a carefully-worded no contest clause would name a beneficiary as an arbiter of disputes when that same person could contest the will or be a final decision-makers for disputes that could either involve himself or pit siblings against each other.

resignation. Since John appears to have anticipated disputes, had his fears materialized and Edward no longer wanted to be in the middle? We may never know.[30,31]

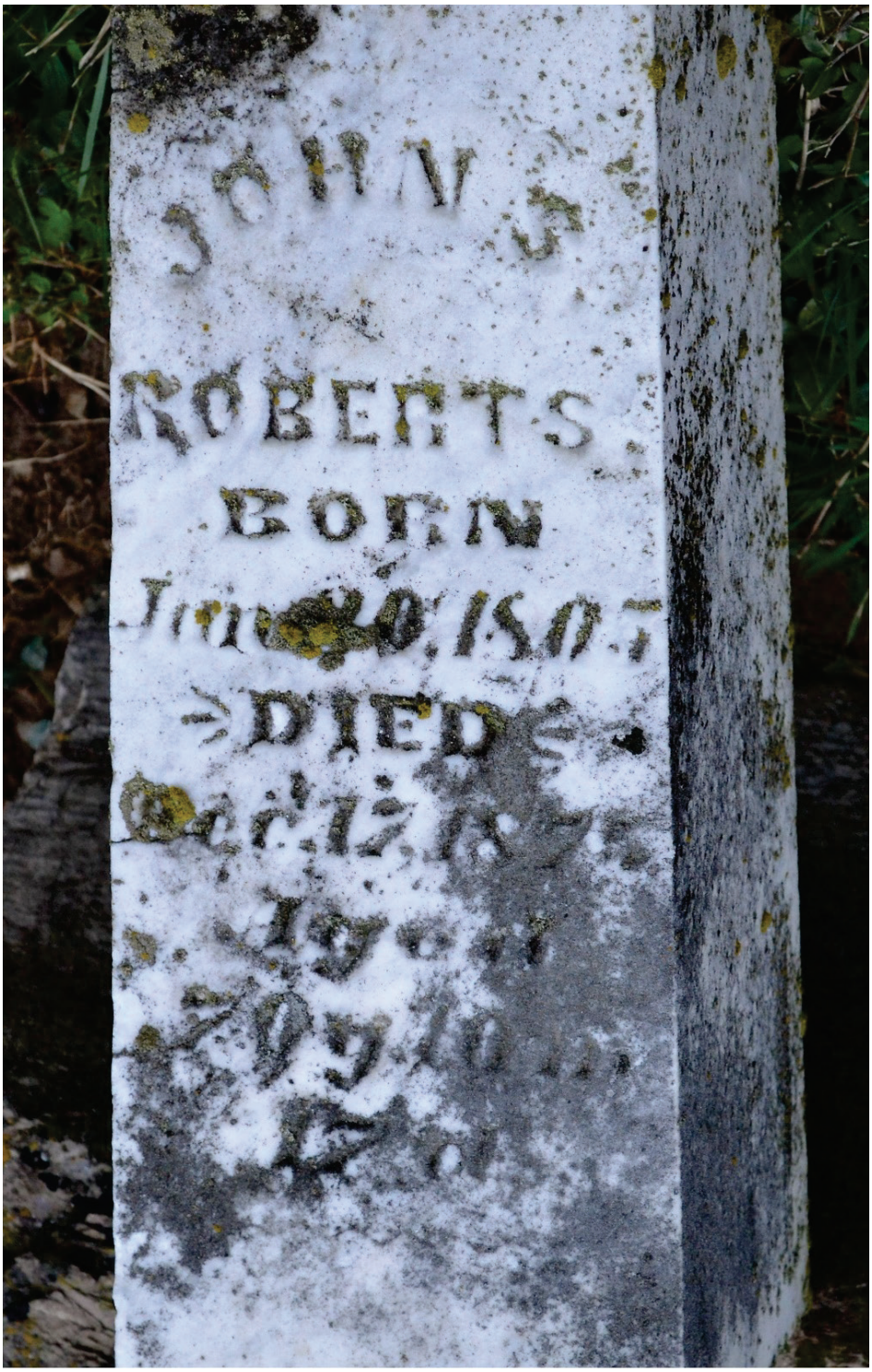
On 19 Nov and 10 Dec 1879, notices were published for the public auction of John's Jefferson County property, to be held 20 Dec 1879. Sale terms were for one-third down, and the remainder in two payments at 9 months and 18 months, at 6% interest. After the sale of John's property, Jane and son David went to live with John's sister, Quintilla[21], and her husband, David Mitchell. Jane passed away 7 Mar 1880 at their home and David remained with the Mitchell family.[32,33,34]

James May resigned as administrator of John's estate on 18 Nov 1881, as it appears the probate of John's estate had concluded.[35]

[30] Figure 4.13. John S. Roberts[4] Probate – James W. May Appointed Administrator
[31] Administrator *de bonis non* – "(also referred to as administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo) is a Latin term for an administrator appointed by a court to replace an administrator of a will that can no longer execute the role. The administrator takes on all the legal responsibilities of the role in finishing the administration of the will." (Cornell Law School, Legal Information Institute. https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/administrator_de_bonis_non, accessed 19 Dec 2021.)
[32] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.
[33] Figure 4.14. Newspaper Clipping – Jane (Salyers) Roberts Death Announcement.
[34] See Figure 21.5. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[35] Figure 4.15. John S. Roberts[4] Probate – James May's Resignation as Administrator.

Figure 4.1

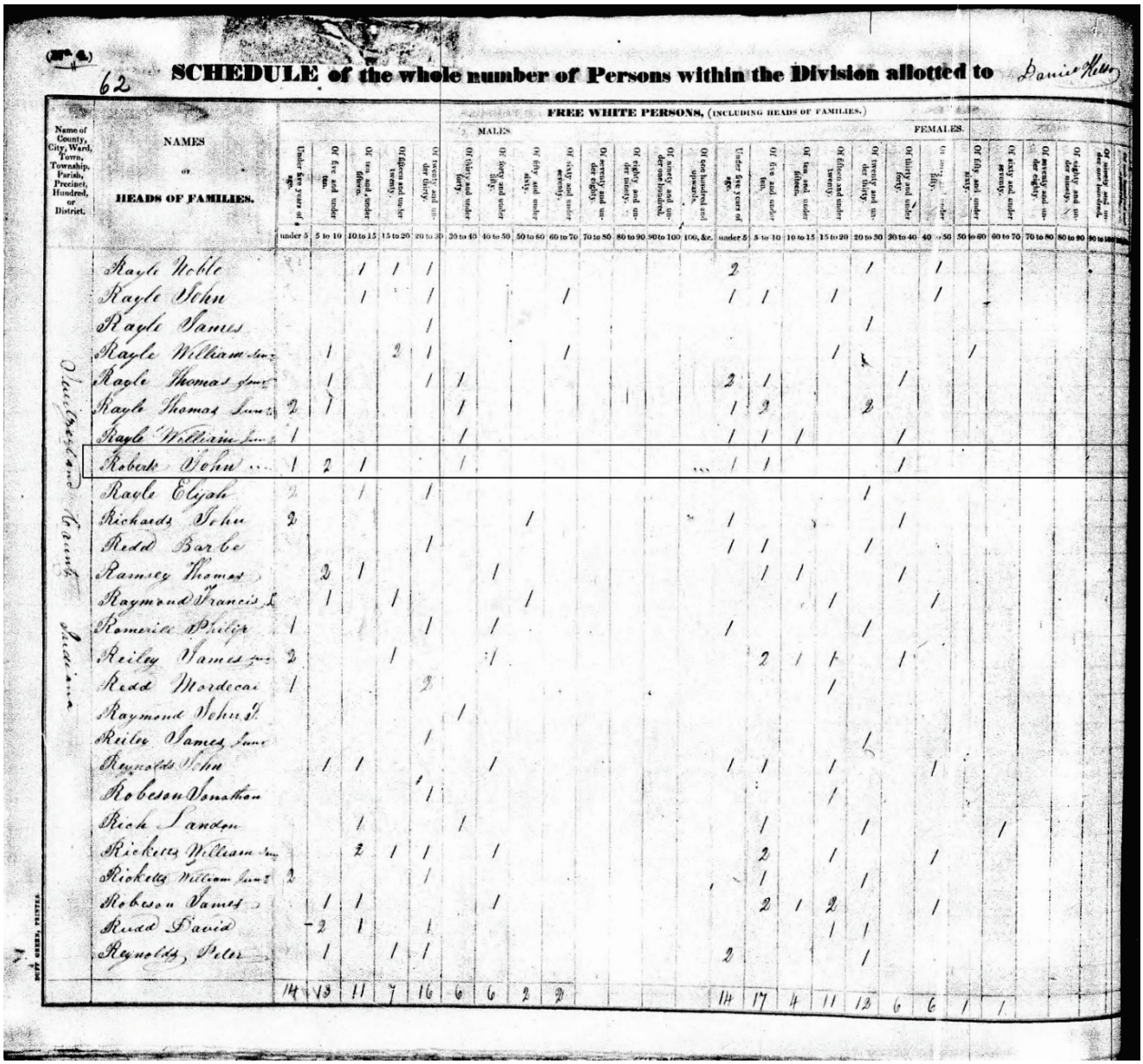
John S. Roberts Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60404714/john-s-roberts : accessed 31 October 2021), memorial page for John S Roberts (29 Jan 1805–17 Dec 1875), Find a Grave Memorial ID 60404714, citing West Fork Cemetery, Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by pmm (contributor 47022120). Photograph added 22 Sep 2018 by Colleen Sanders Broyles (contributor 46875999).

Figure 4.2 (2 pages)

1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana

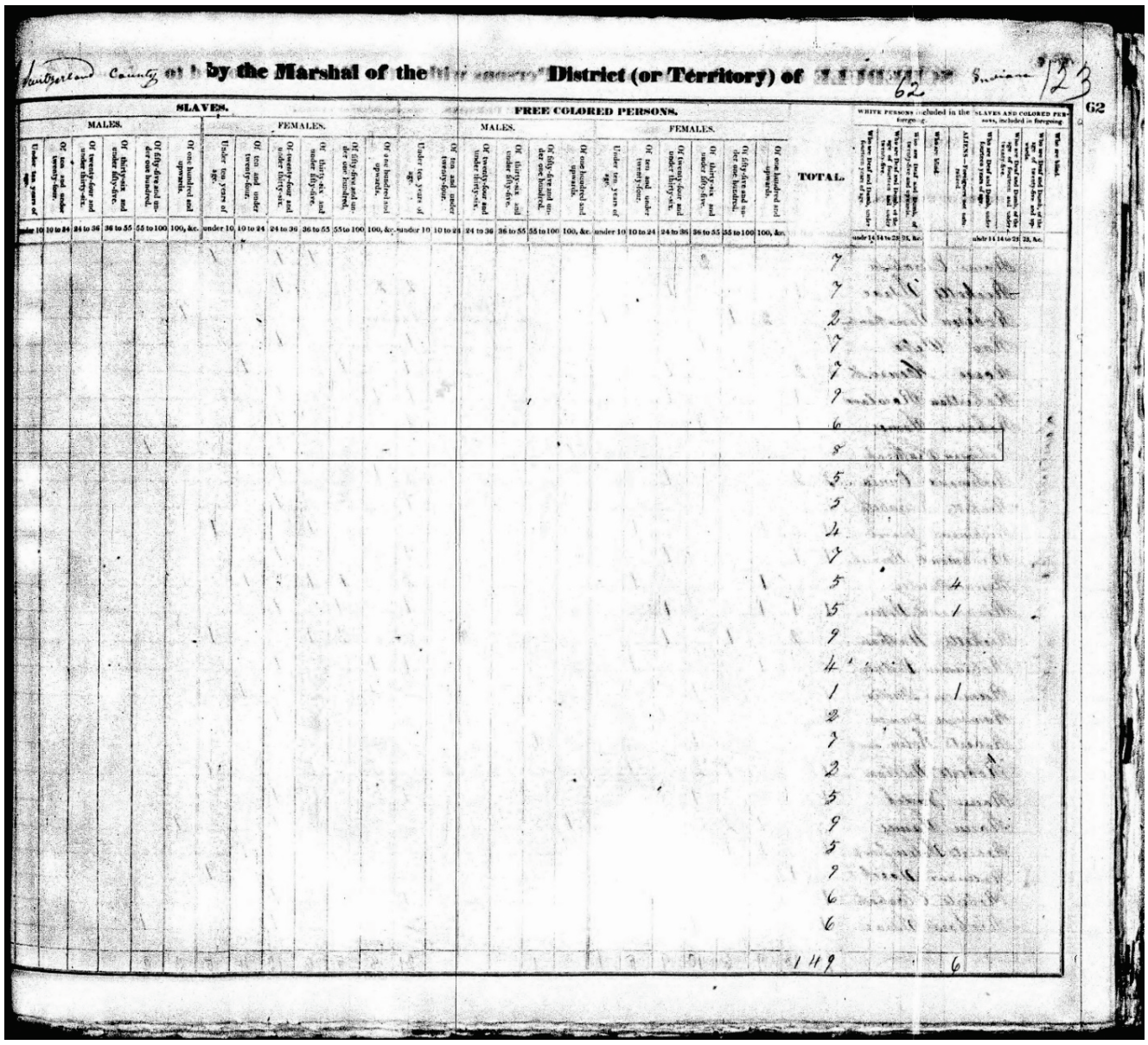


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SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to Daniel Hunt

FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)

| Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District. | NAMES of HEADS OF FAMILIES. | MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



by the Marshal of the District (or Territory) of

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SLAVES.

MALES.

Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.
under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100, &c.

FEMALES.

Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.
under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100, &c.

FREE COLORED PERSONS.

MALES.

Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.
under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100, &c.

FEMALES.

Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.
under 10	10 to 24	24 to 36	36 to 55	55 to 100	100, &c.

TOTAL.

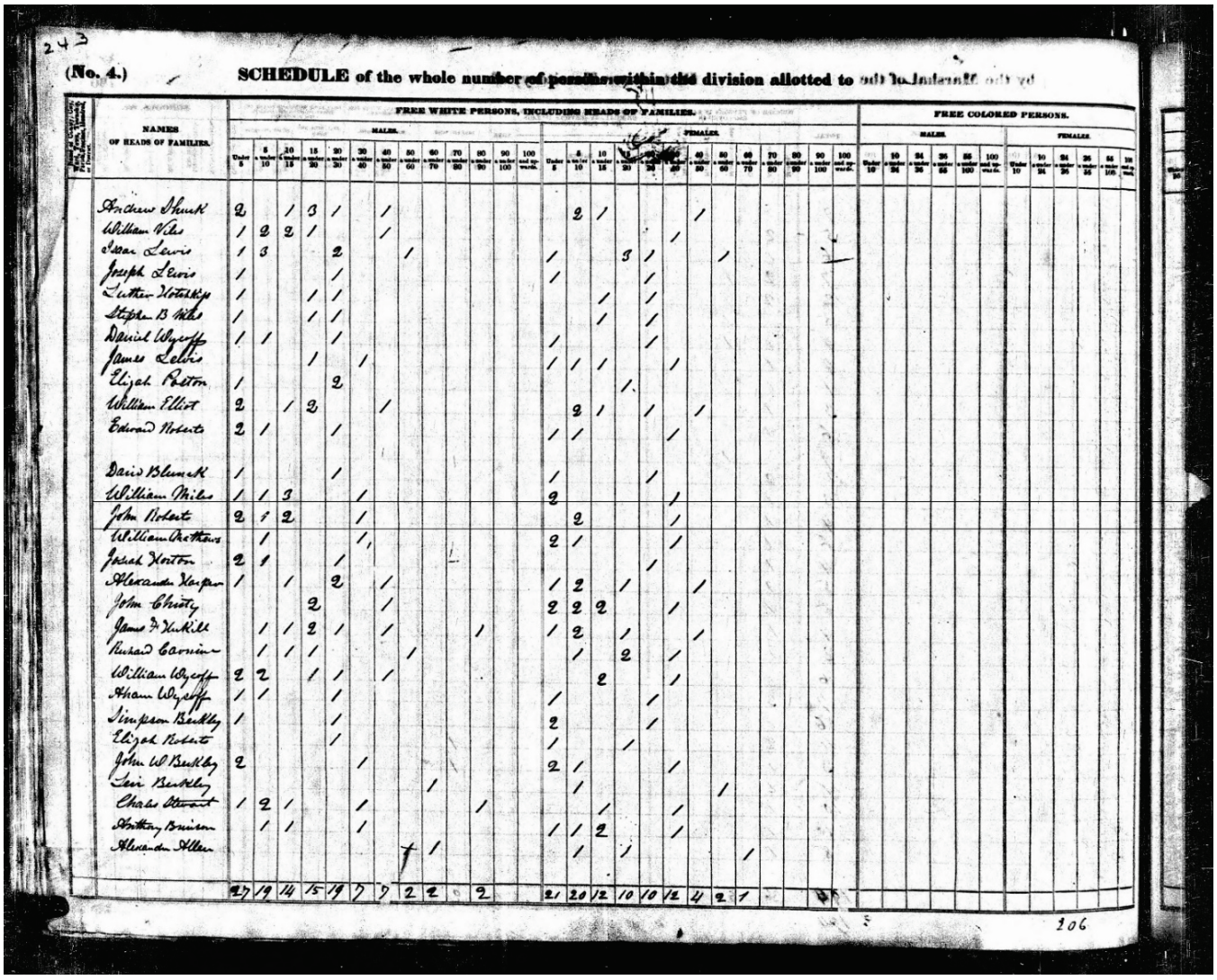
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WHITE PERSONS included in the SLAVES AND COLORED PERSONS, included in foregoing

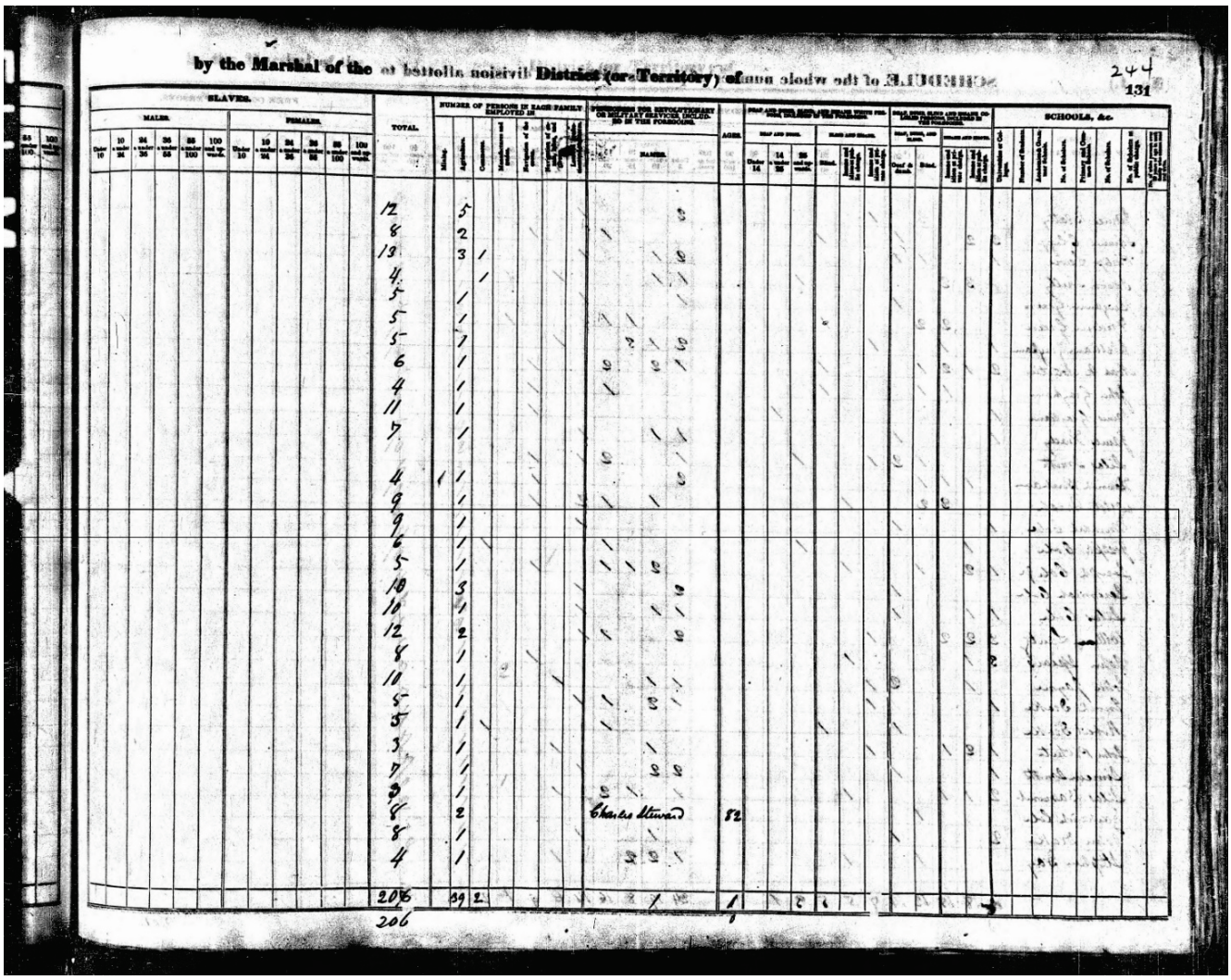
Who are blind.	Who are deaf and dumb, under fourteen years of age.	Who are deaf and dumb, of fourteen years and upwards.	Who are deaf and dumb, under twenty-five.	Who are deaf and dumb, of twenty-five and upwards.	Who are blind.	ALIENS—Foreigners not naturalized.	Who are deaf and dumb, under fourteen years of age.	Who are deaf and dumb, of fourteen and under twenty-five.	Who are deaf and dumb, of twenty-five and upwards.	Who are blind.
	under 14	14 to 25	25, &c.				under 14	14 to 25	25, &c.	

Figure 4.3 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



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SLAVES.

TOTAL.

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EACH FAMILY EMPLOYED IN

NAMES of all the free inhabitants of the Town, District or Territory, whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in the family numbered as in the foregoing.

AGES.

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WHITE AND BLACK.

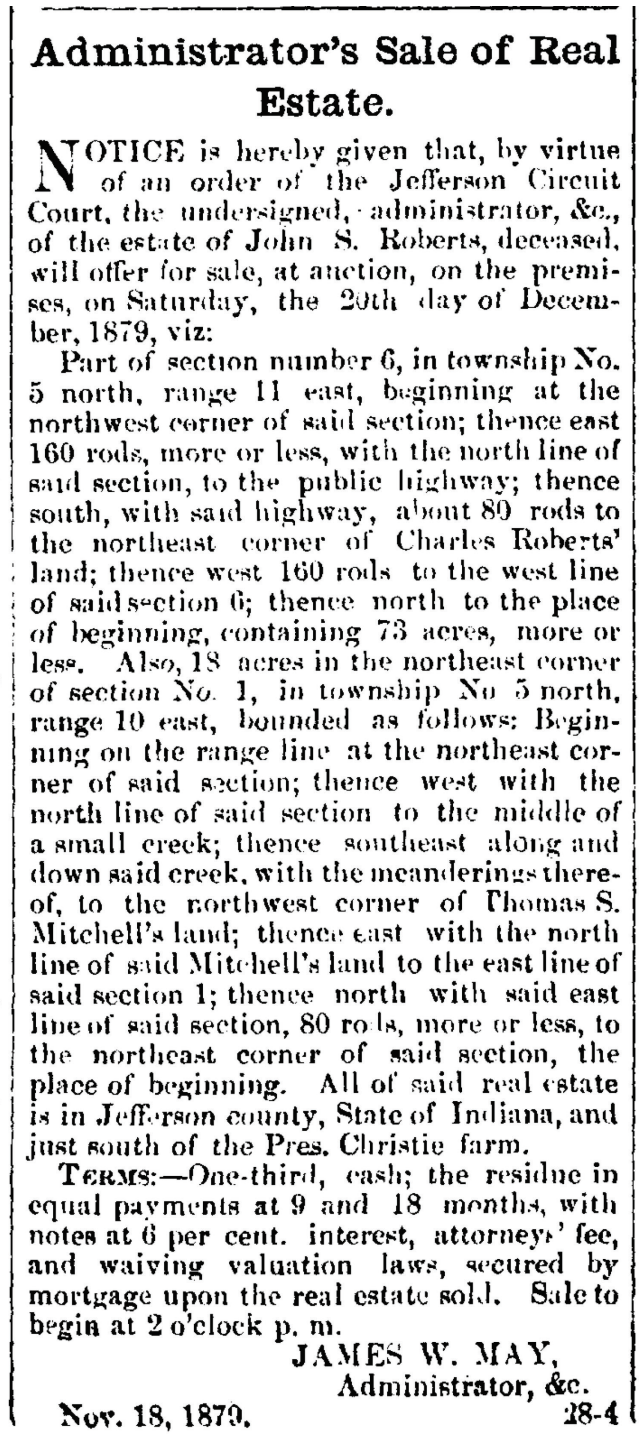
DEAF AND DUMB, BLIND, INSANE, OR IDIOTIC, AT THE TIME OF TAKING THIS SCHEDULE.

SCHOOLS, &c.

TOTAL	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures and Trades	Professional Services	Navigation of the Ocean	Navigation of Canals, Rivers, and Lakes	Learned Professions and Engineers	NAMES	AGES	Under 14	14 to 20	20 and up wards	White	Black	Deaf and Dumb	Blind	Insane and Idiots at their own Residences	Insane and Idiots in Public Charge	Persons who cannot read and write	Number of Children	Attended School within the Year	Not attended School	Whites	Blacks	Persons over 20 who cannot read
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9	1																								
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8	1																								
4	1																								
208	59	2								1		2	1												
206										1															

Figure 4.4

John S. Roberts[4] Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate



Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

NOTICE is hereby given that, by virtue of an order of the Jefferson Circuit Court, the undersigned, administrator, &c., of the estate of John S. Roberts, deceased, will offer for sale, at auction, on the premises, on Saturday, the 20th day of December, 1879, viz:

Part of section number 6, in township No. 5 north, range 11 east, beginning at the northwest corner of said section; thence east 160 rods, more or less, with the north line of said section, to the public highway; thence south, with said highway, about 80 rods to the northeast corner of Charles Roberts' land; thence west 160 rods to the west line of said section 6; thence north to the place of beginning, containing 73 acres, more or less. Also, 18 acres in the northeast corner of section No. 1, in township No 5 north, range 10 east, bounded as follows: Beginning on the range line at the northeast corner of said section; thence west with the north line of said section to the middle of a small creek; thence southeast along and down said creek, with the meanderings thereof, to the northwest corner of Thomas S. Mitchell's land; thence east with the north line of said Mitchell's land to the east line of said section 1; thence north with said east line of said section, 80 rods, more or less, to the northeast corner of said section, the place of beginning. All of said real estate is in Jefferson county, State of Indiana, and just south of the Pres. Christie farm.

TERMS:—One-third, cash; the residue in equal payments at 9 and 18 months, with notes at 6 per cent. interest, attorneys' fee, and waiving valuation laws, secured by mortgage upon the real estate sold. Sale to begin at 2 o'clock p. m.

JAMES W. MAY,
Administrator, &c.

Nov. 18, 1879. 28-4

Madison (IN) Weekly Herald, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 4.5

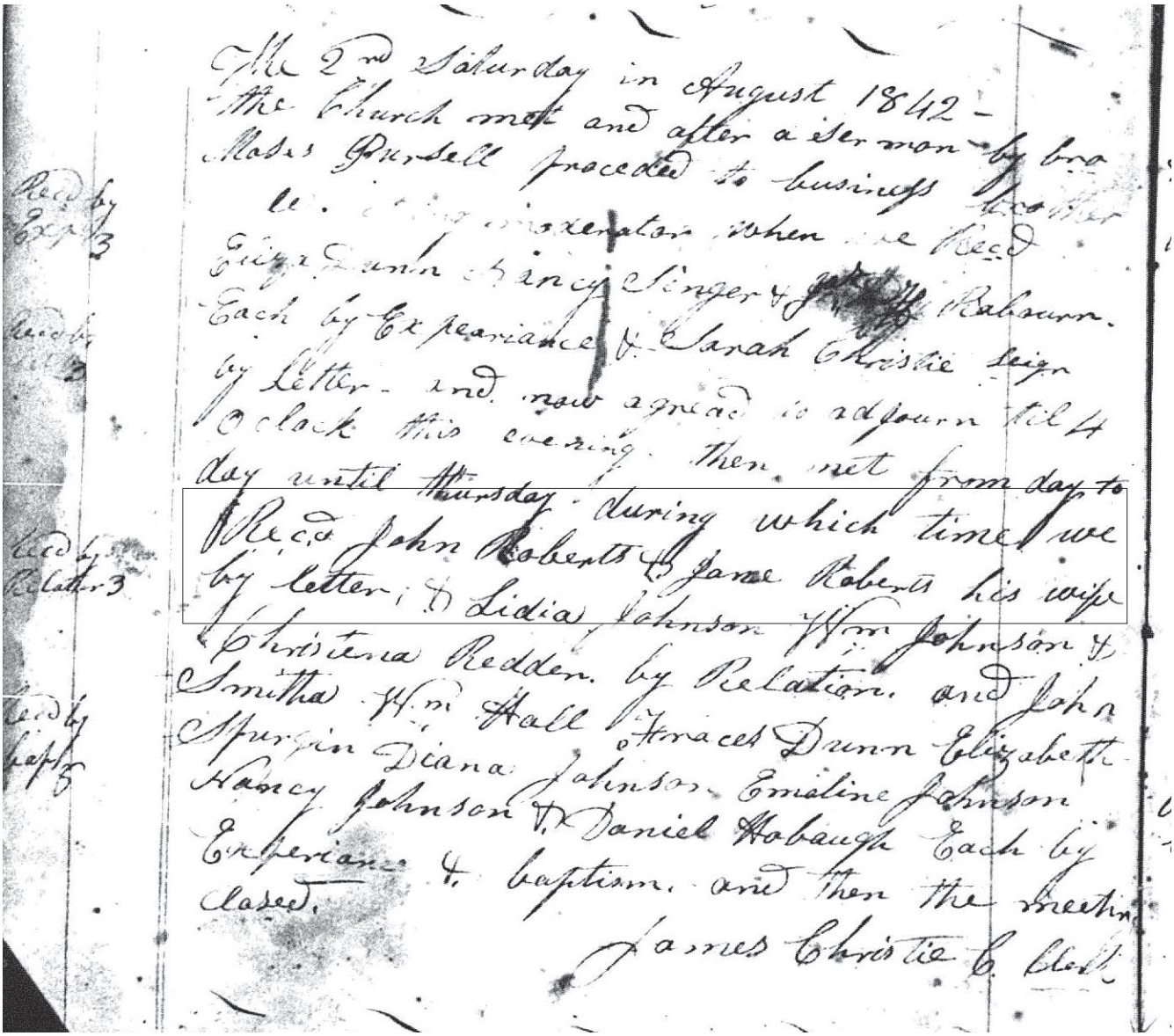
John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property



Black rectangle is the approximate extent of John S. Roberts land as described in the "Administrator's Sale of Real Estate" published 19 Nov 1879 in the *Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*. Land is in a portion of the NE/4 of Section 1, T5N, R10E and a portion of the NW/4 of Section 6, T5N, R11E, Jefferson County, Indiana. GPS of center point: 38.911686, -85.349101. Google Earth Pro Imagery Date: 20 Sep 2016. ©2021 Google. Note proximity to West Fork Baptist Church, less than one mile north.

Figure 4.6

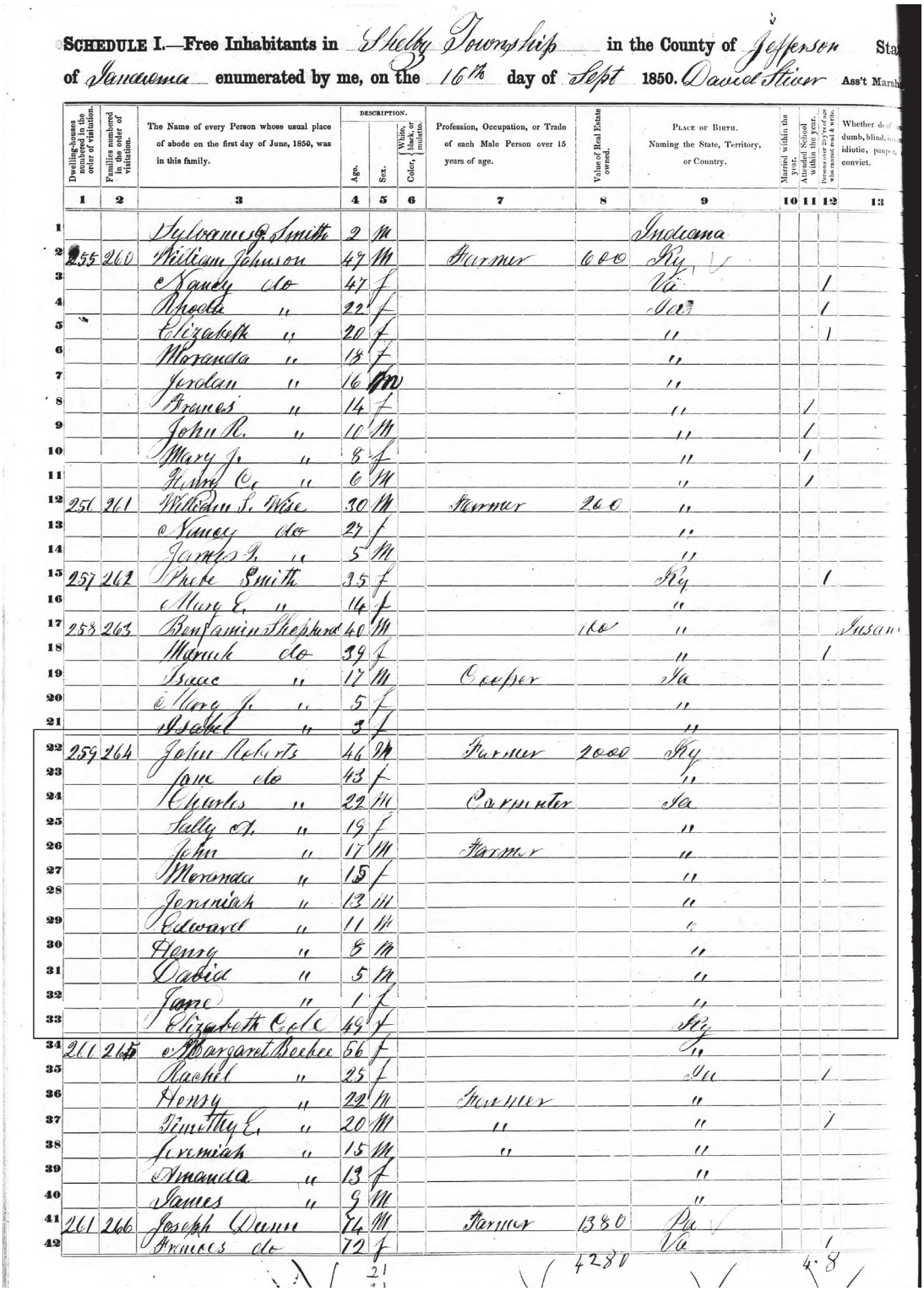
West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership



"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 4.7

1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Shelby Township in the County of Jefferson State of Jandiana enumerated by me, on the 16th day of Sept 1850. David Stiver Ass't Marsh

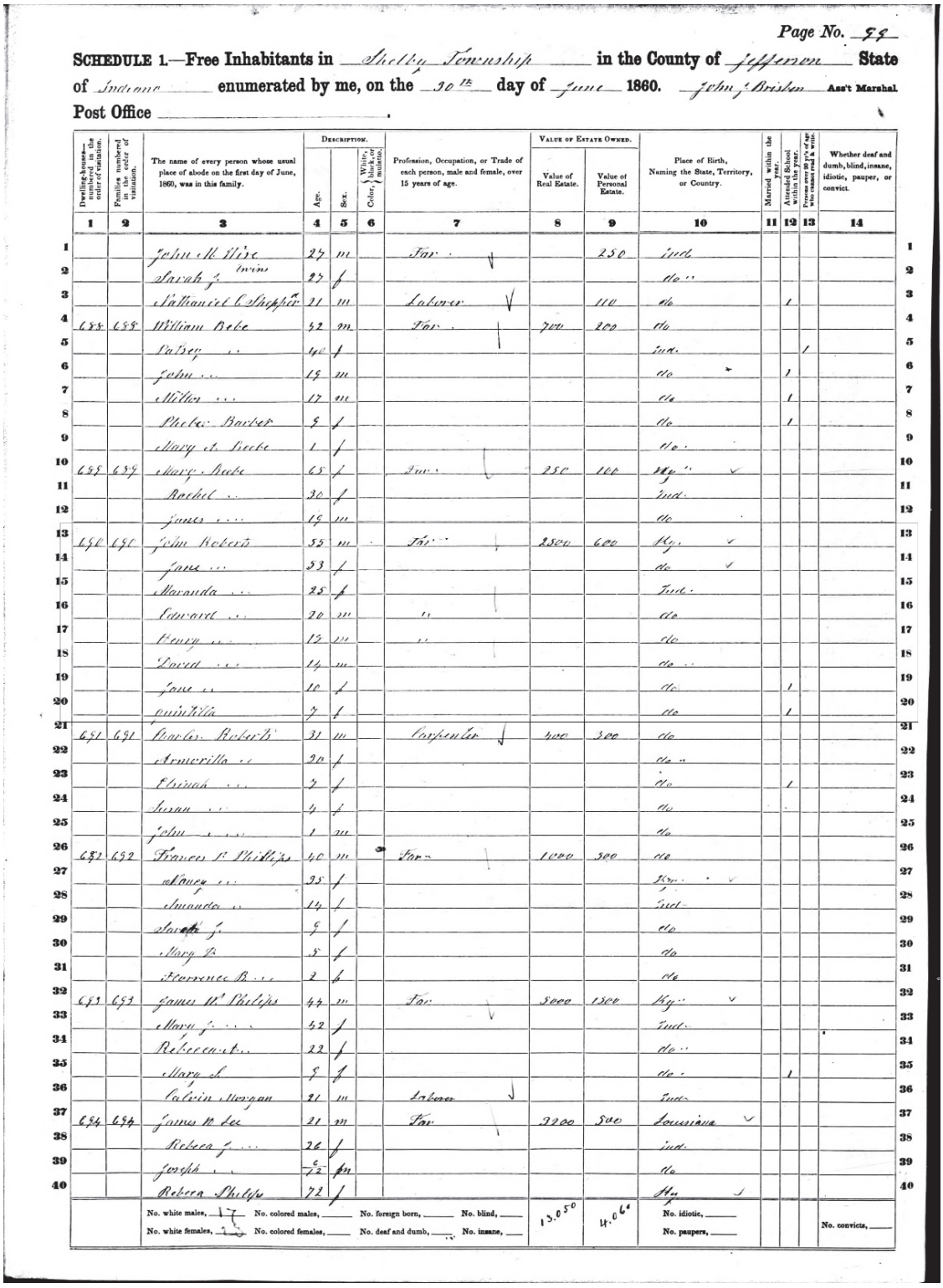
Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	Color, (black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 Years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1		Sylvanus G. Smith	2	M				Indiana				
2	255	260 William Johnson	47	M		Farmer	600	Ky				
3		" Nancy do	47	F				Va			1	
4		" Rhoda "	22	F				Ind			1	
5		" Elizabeth "	20	F				"			1	
6		" Miranda "	18	F				"				
7		" Jordan "	16	M				"				
8		" Frances "	14	F				"		1		
9		" John R. "	10	M				"		1		
10		" Mary J. "	8	F				"		1		
11		" Henry C. "	6	M				"		1		
12	256	261 William S. Wise	30	M		Farmer	260	"				
13		" Nancy do	27	F				"				
14		" James T. "	5	M				"				
15	257	262 Price Smith	35	F				Ky			1	
16		" Mary E. "	14	F				"				
17	258	263 Benjamin Shepherd	40	M			100	"				Susan
18		" Mariah do	39	F				"			1	
19		" Isaac "	17	M		Cooper		Ia				
20		" Mary J. "	5	F				"				
21		" Isabel "	3	F				"				
22	259	264 John Roberts	46	M		Farmer	2000	Ky				
23		" Jane do	43	F				"				
24		" Charles "	22	M		Carpenter		Ia				
25		" Sally A. "	19	F				"				
26		" John "	17	M		Farmer		"				
27		" Mercinda "	15	F				"				
28		" Jeremiah "	13	M				"				
29		" Edward "	11	M				"				
30		" Henry "	8	M				"				
31		" Dabid "	5	M				"				
32		" Jane "	1	F				"				
33		" Elizabeth Cole	49	F				Ky				
34	261	265 Margaret Beebee	56	F				"				
35		" Rachel "	25	F				Ia			1	
36		" Henry "	22	M		Farmer		"				
37		" Timothy E. "	20	M		"		"			1	
38		" Jeremiah "	15	M		"		"				
39		" Amanda "	13	F				"				
40		" James "	9	M				"				
41	261	266 Joseph Wemm	74	M		Farmer	1380	Pa				
42		" Frances do	72	F				Va			1	

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Figure 4.8

1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Shelby Township in the County of Jefferson State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 30th day of June 1860. John J. Bristow Ass't Marshal

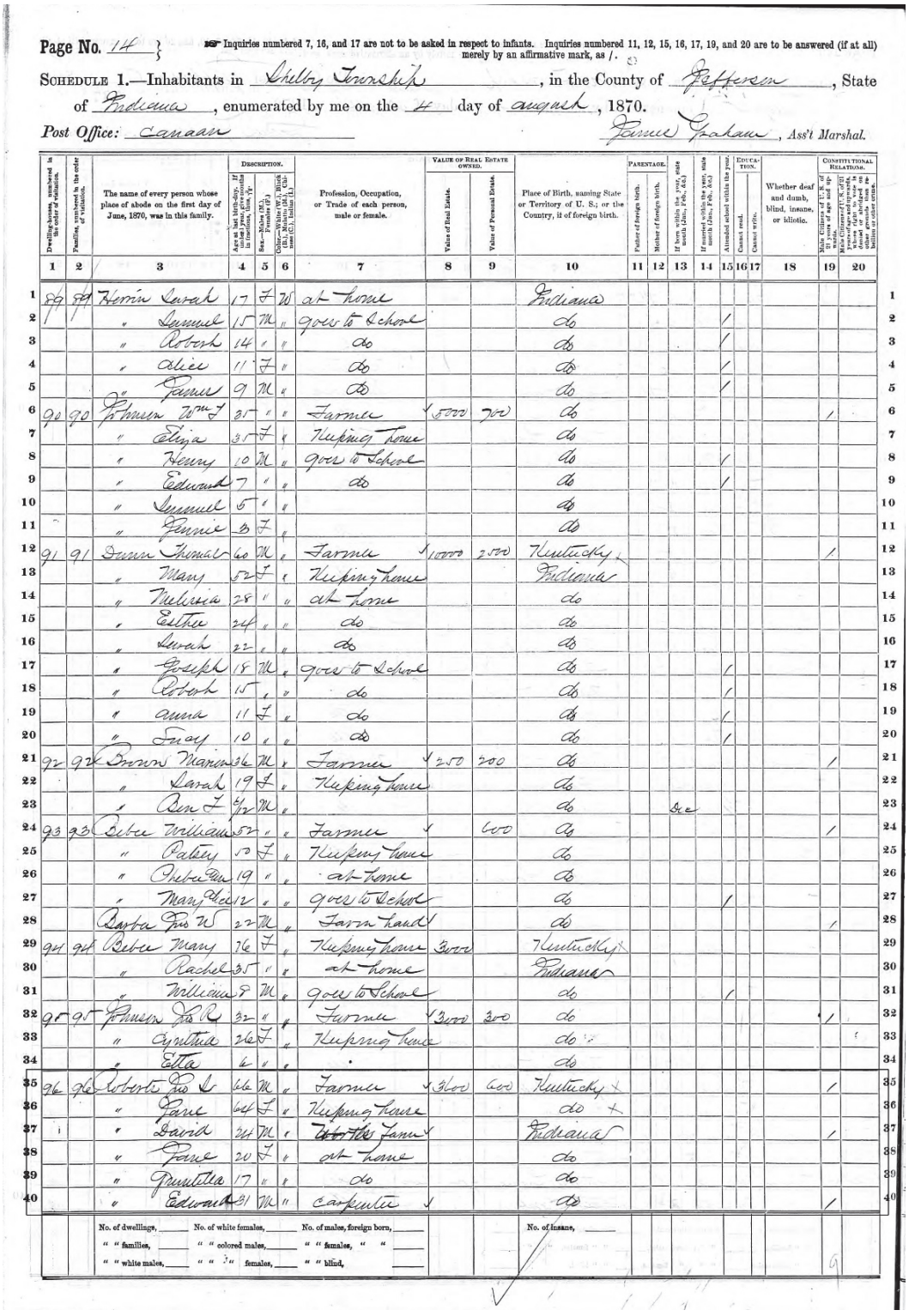
Post Office

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		John M. Wise	27	m		Far.		250	Ind.				
		Sarah J. (twins)	27	f					do				
		Nathaniel C. Shipley	21	m		Laborer		110	do		1		
688	688	William Bebe	42	m		Far.	700	200	do				
		Betsey "	40	f					Ind.			1	
		John "	19	m					do		1		
		Milton "	17	m					do		1		
		Phebe Barbet	9	f					do		1		
		Mary A. Bebe	1	f					do				
689	689	Mary Bebe	65	f		Far.	250	100	Ky.				
		Rachel "	30	f					Ind.				
		James "	19	m					do				
690	690	John Roberts	55	m		Far.	2500	600	Ky.				
		Jane "	53	f					do				
		Maranda "	25	f					Ind.				
		Edward "	20	m		"			do				
		Henry "	17	m		"			do				
		David "	14	m					do				
		Jane "	10	f					do		1		
		Quintilla "	7	f					do		1		
691	691	Charles Roberts	31	m		Carpenter	400	300	do				
		Armerilla "	30	f					do				
		Elvinah "	7	f					do		1		
		Susan "	4	f					do				
		John "	1	m					do				
692	692	Frances F. Phillips	40	m		Far.	1000	500	do				
		Nancy "	35	f					Ky.				
		Amanda "	14	f					Ind.				
		Sarah J. "	9	f					do				
		Mary B. "	8	f					do				
		Florence B. "	2	f					do				
693	693	James M. Phillips	44	m		Far.	5000	1300	Ky.				
		Mary J. "	42	f					Ind.				
		Rebecca "	22	f					do				
		Mary A. "	9	f					do		1		
		Calvin Morgan	21	m		Laborer			Ind.				
694	694	James M. Lee	21	m		Far.	3200	500	Louisiana				
		Rebeca J. "	26	f					Ind.				
		Joseph "	6/12	m					do				
		Rebeca Phillips	72	f					Ky.				
		No. white males, 17 No. white females, 23	No. colored males, ___ No. colored females, ___	No. foreign born, ___ No. deaf and dumb, ___	No. blind, ___ No. insane, ___		13.050	4.064	No. idiotic, ___ No. paupers, ___				No. convicts, ___

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Figure 4.9

1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



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☞ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 4 day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Canaan — James Graham, Ass't Marshal.

	Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under one year, give months in fractions, thus, 6/12.	Description: Sex—Males (M.); Females (F.).	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.).	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens (U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards) whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	89	89	Herrin Sarah	17	F	W	at home			Indiana										
2			" Samuel	15	M	"	goes to School			do					/					
3			" Robert	14	"	"	do			do					/					
4			" Alice	11	F	"	do			do					/					
5			" James	9	M	"	do			do					/					
6	90	90	Fulmer Wm T	31	"	"	Farmer	5000	700	do									/	
7			" Eliza	31	F	"	Keeping house			do										
8			" Henry	10	M	"	goes to School			do					/					
9			" Edward	7	"	"	do			do					/					
10			" Samuel	5	"	"				do										
11			" Jennie	3	F	"				do										
12	91	91	Brown Thomas	60	M	"	Farmer	1000	200	Kentucky									/	
13			" Mary	52	F	"	Keeping house			Indiana										
14			" Melissa	28	"	"	at home			do										
15			" Esther	24	"	"	do			do										
16			" Sarah	22	"	"	do			do										
17			" Joseph	18	M	"	goes to School			do					/					
18			" Robert	15	"	"	do			do					/					
19			" anna	11	F	"	do			do					/					
20			" Enoch	10	"	"	do			do					/					
21	92	92	Brown Marcus	36	M	"	Farmer	250	200	do									/	
22			" Sarah	19	F	"	Keeping house			do										
23			" Ben F	1/12	M	"				do			Dec							
24	93	93	Zeber William	52	"	"	Farmer		600	do									/	
25			" Patsey	50	F	"	Keeping house			do										
26			" Peter Jun	19	"	"	at home			do										
27			" Mary Ann	12	"	"	goes to School			do					/					
28			Boyles Jno W	22	M	"	Farm hand			do									/	
29	94	94	Zeber Mary	76	F	"	Keeping House	300		Kentucky										
30			" Rachel	35	"	"	at home			Indiana										
31			" William	8	M	"	goes to School			do					/					
32	95	95	Fulmer Jno R	32	"	"	Farmer	3000	300	do									/	
33			" Cynthia	26	F	"	Keeping house			do										
34			" Etta	4	"	"				do										
35	96	96	Roberts Jno L	66	M	"	Farmer	3600	600	Kentucky									/	
36			" Jane	64	F	"	Keeping house			do										
37			" David	24	M	"	~~Works~~ Farm			Indiana									/	
38			" Jane	20	F	"	at home			do										
39			" Prudentia	17	"	"	do			do										
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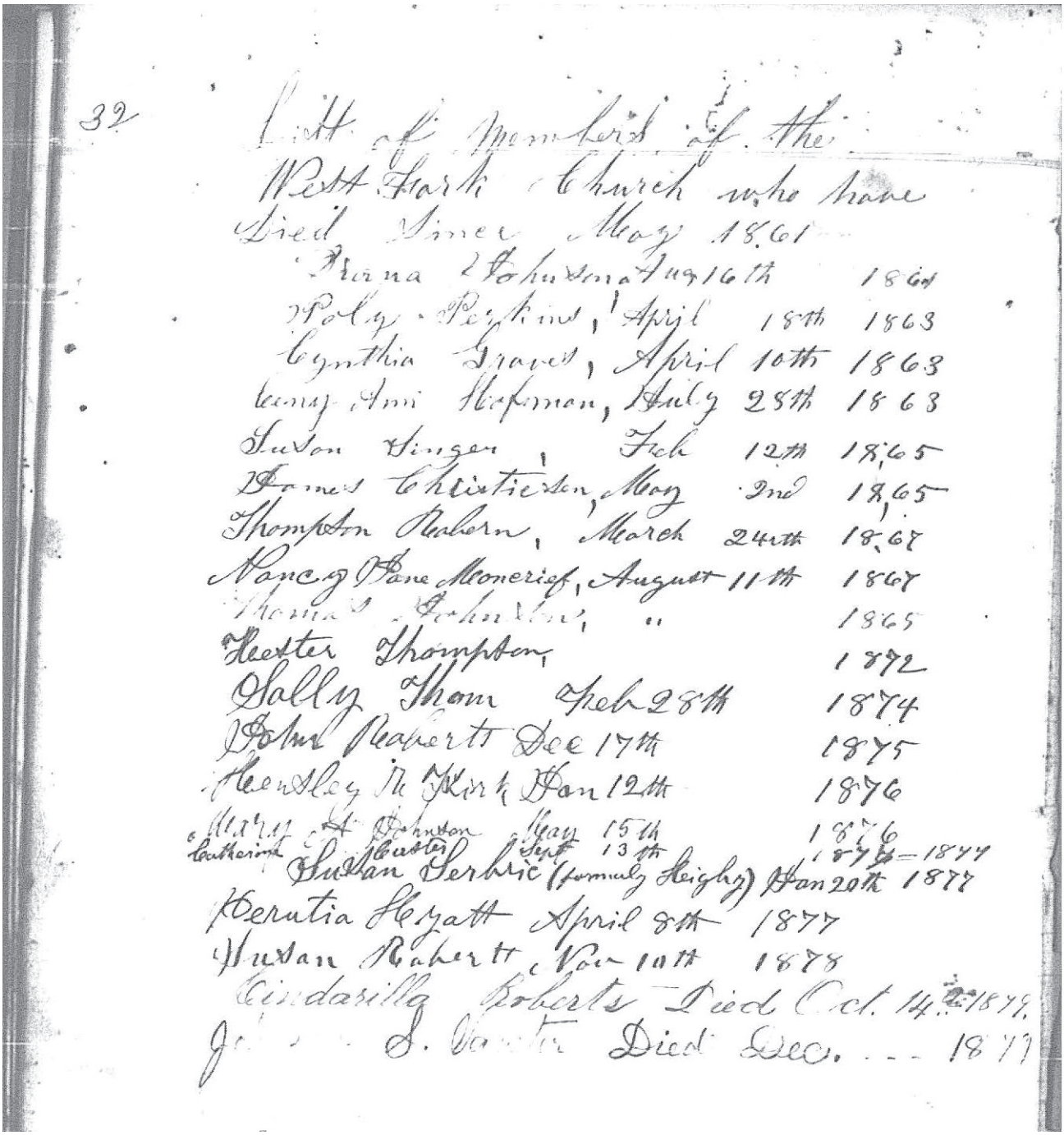
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No. of insane, _____

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Figure 4.10

West Fork Baptist Church
"List of members of the West Fork Church who have Died Since May 1861"


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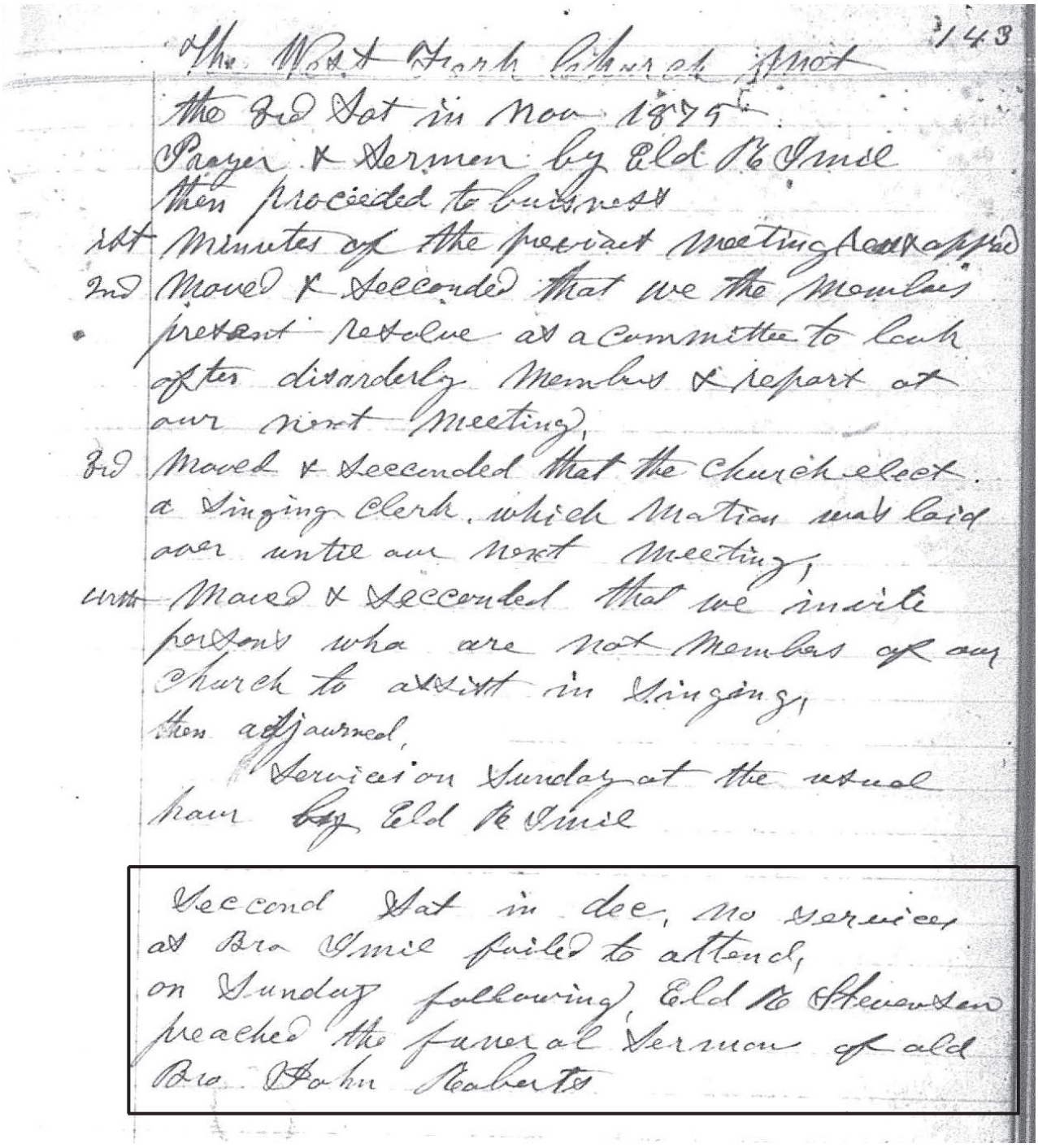
List of Members of the
West Fork Church who have
Died Since May 1861

Nancy Johnson Aug 16th 1864
Polly Perkins, April 18th 1863
Cynthia Graves, April 10th 1863
Lucy Ann Hopkins, July 28th 1863
Susan Singer, Feb 12th 1865
James Christieson, May 2nd 1865
Thompson Auborn, March 24th 1867
Nancy Jane Mooneriff, August 11th 1867
Thomas Johnson, " 1865
Hester Thompson 1872
Sally Thom Feb 28th 1874
Robert Roberts Dec 17th 1875
Hannah Mark Jan 12th 1876
William A Johnson May 15th 1876
Catherine Custer Sept 13th 1876 — 1877
Susan Perkins (formerly Heighy) Jan 20th 1877
Perutia Hyatt April 8th 1877
Susan Roberts Nov 10th 1878
Cinderilla Roberts Died Oct. 14th 1878
J. S. Custer Died Dec. ... 1877

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 4.11

West Fork Baptist Church – Funeral Sermon of Old Bro. John Roberts[4]



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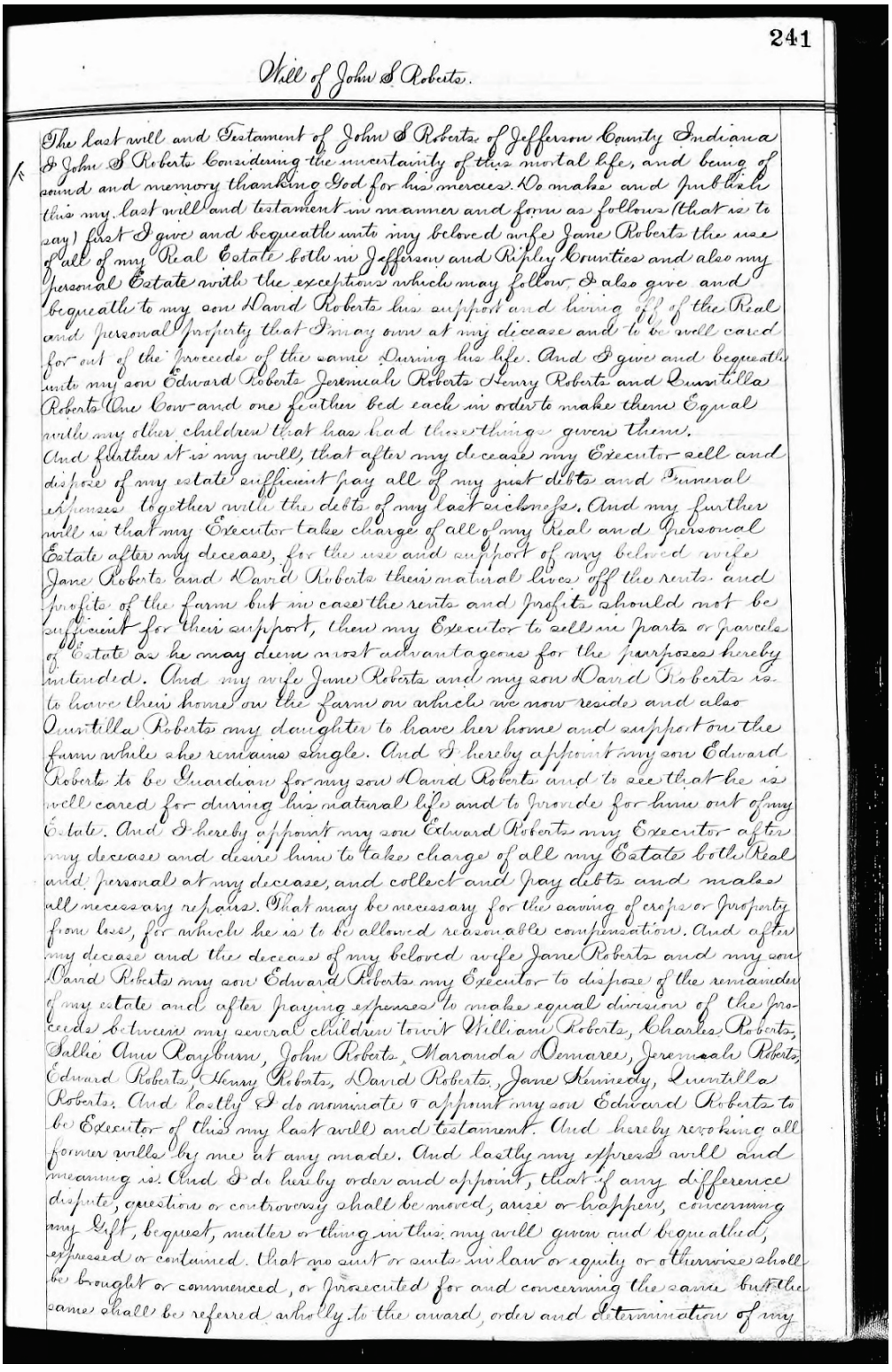
The West Fork Church met
the 3rd Sat in Nov 1875
Prayer & Sermon by Eld N Smith
then proceeded to business
1st Minutes of the previous meeting read & approved
2nd Moved & seconded that we the Members
present Resolve as a committee to look
after disorderly Members & report at
our next Meeting,
3rd Moved & seconded that the Church elect
a Singing Clerk. which Motion was laid
over until our next Meeting,
4th Moved & seconded that we invite
persons who are not Members of our
Church to assist in Singing,
then adjourned,
Service on Sunday at the usual
hour by Eld N Smith

Second Sat in dec, no service,
as Bro Smith failed to attend,
on Sunday following Eld N Stevenson
preached the funeral Sermon of old
Bro John Roberts

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Figure 4.12 (2 pages)

John S. Roberts[4] Will



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Will of John S Roberts.

The last will and Testament of John S Roberts of Jefferson County Indiana I John S Roberts Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and memory thanking God for his mercies. Do make and Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows (that is to say) first I give and bequeathe unto my beloved wife Jane Roberts the use of all of my Real Estate both in Jefferson and Ripley Counties and also my Personal Estate with the exceptions which may follow. I also give and bequeathe to my son David Roberts his support and living off of the Real and Personal Property that I may own at my decease and to be well cared for out of the Proceeds of the same During his life. And I give and bequeathe unto my son Edward Roberts Jeremiah Roberts Henry Roberts and Quintilla Roberts One Cow and one feather bed each in order to make them Equal with my other children that has had these things given them. And further it is my will, that after my decease my Executor sell and dispose of my estate sufficient pay all of my just debts and Funeral expenses together with the debts of my last sickness. And my further will is that my Executor take charge of all of my Real and Personal Estate after my decease, for the use and support of my beloved wife Jane Roberts and David Roberts their natural lives off the rents and profits of the farm but in case the rents and Profits should not be sufficient for their support, then my Executor to sell in parts or parcels of Estate as he may deem most advantageous for the purposes hereby intended. And my wife Jane Roberts and my son David Roberts is to have their home on the Farm on which we now reside and also Quintilla Roberts my daughter to have her home and support on the farm while she remains single. And I hereby appoint my son Edward Roberts to be Guardian for my son David Roberts and to see that he is well cared for during his natural life and to Provide for him out of my Estate. And I hereby appoint my son Edward Roberts my Executor after my decease and desire him to take charge of all my Estate both Real and Personal at my decease, and collect and pay debts and make all necessary repairs. That may be necessary for the saving of crops or Property from loss, for which he is to be allowed reasonable compensation. And after my decease and the decease of my beloved wife Jane Roberts and my son David Roberts my son Edward Roberts my Executor to dispose of the remainder of my estate and after paying expenses to make equal division of the Proceeds between my several children to-wit William Roberts, Charles Roberts, Sallie Ann Rayburn, John Roberts, Maranda Demaree, Jeremiah Roberts, Edward Roberts, Henry Roberts, David Roberts, Jane Kennedy, Quintilla Roberts. And lastly I do nominate & appoint my son Edward Roberts to be Executor of this my last will and testament. And hereby revoking all former wills by me at any made. And lastly my express will and meaning is. And I do hereby order and appoint, that if any difference dispute, question or controversy shall be moved, arise or happen, concerning any Gift, bequest, matter or thing in this my will given and bequeathed, expressed or contained. That no suit or suits in law or equity or otherwise shall be brought or commenced, or Prosecuted for and concerning the same but the same shall be referred wholly to the award, order and determination of my

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Will of John S Roberts "Continued"

friends Thomas S Mitchell and Jeremiah Roberts both the State of Indiana one of Jefferson & one of Ripley County and what they shall order or direct or determine therein, shall be binding and conclusive to all and every person and persons therein concerned. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 7th day of December 1875

John his X S Roberts mark (Seal)

The above instrument, consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by John S Roberts the testator, in the presence of each of us; and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament and we at his request sign our names hereunto as attesting witnesses.

Stovall Willsins Res Ripley County.
Thos S Mitchell Res Jefferson County

State of Indiana }
Jefferson County }

On this day appeared in my office Stovall Willsins one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Will and Testament of John S Roberts late of said County deceased, who being duly sworn on his oath, saith he saw the said John S Roberts sign and seal the foregoing paper as his Will, and that he with Thomas S Mitchell subscribed the same as Witnesses, in the presence of each other, and in the presence and at the request of said John S Roberts this deponent further saith said John S Roberts was at the time of making and executing said paper as his Will, of full age to devise his property, and of sound mind and memory, and not under coercion and restraint, and that he did publish and declare the same to be his Will and further saith not.

Stovall Willsins.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8 day of January 1876.

James J Sering Clerk
By J C Roberts D.C.

State of Indiana }
Jefferson County } SS

I James J Sering Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true full and complete copy of the last Will and Testament of John S Roberts late of said County deceased, As also of the certificate of probate thereto attached as the same appears from the original on file in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of January 1876

James J Sering Clerk

Transcript

The last will and Testament of John S Roberts of Jefferson County Indiana

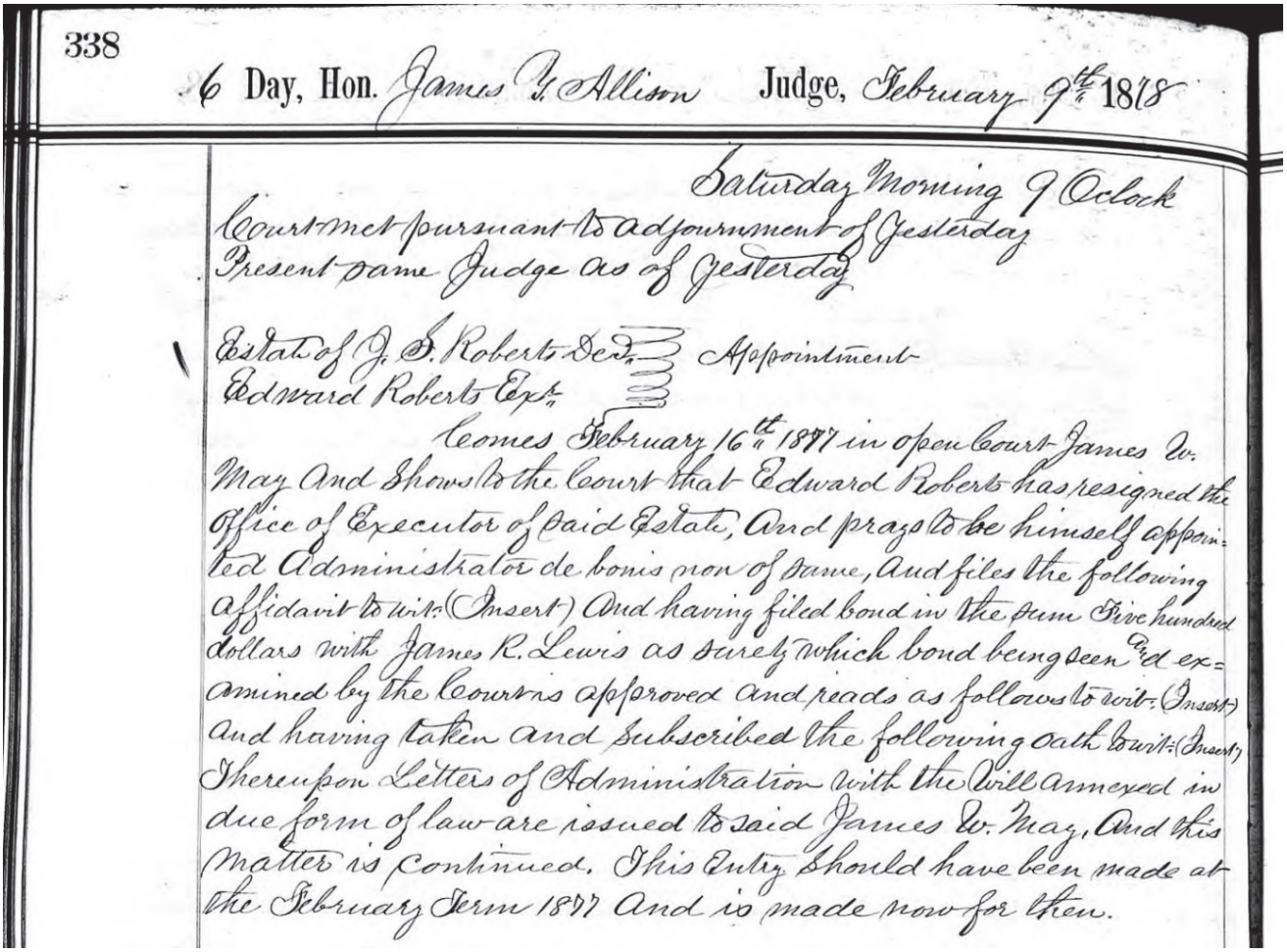
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Signed by John S. Roberts with his mark "x"

Figure 4.13

John S. Roberts[4] Probate – James W. May Appointed Administrator



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6 Day, Hon. James F. Allison Judge, February 9th 1878

Saturday Morning 9 Oclock

Court met pursuant to adjournment of Yesterday

Present same Judge as of Yesterday

Estate of J. S. Roberts Dec'd } Appointment

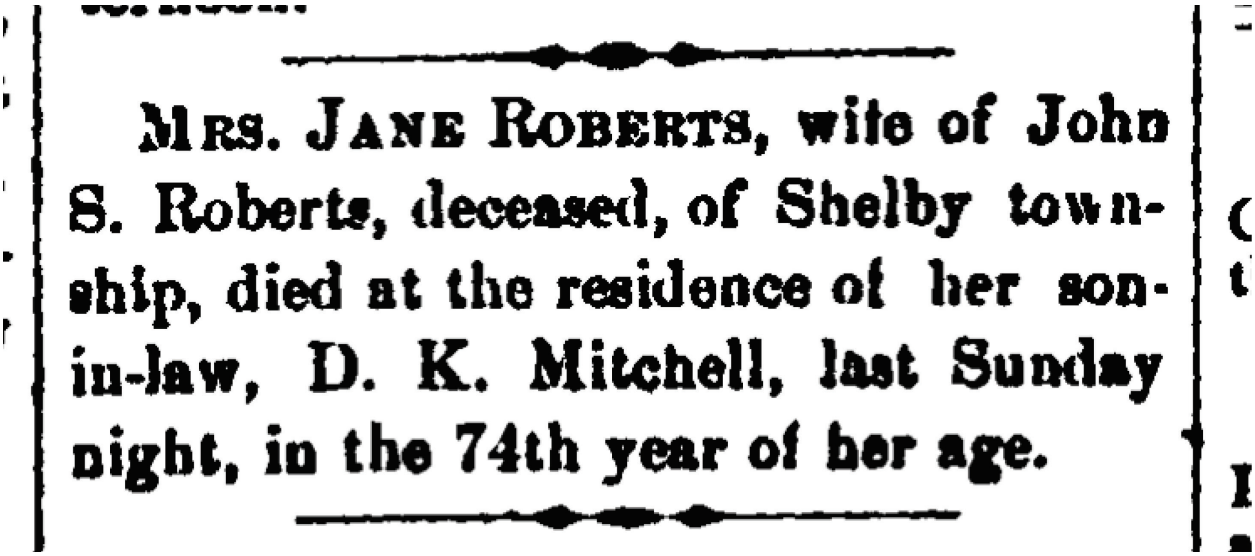
Edward Roberts Ex'r }

Comes February 16th 1877 in open Court James W. May And Shows to the Court that Edward Roberts has resigned the Office of Executor of said Estate, And prays to be himself appointed Administrator de bonis non of same, And files the following affidavit to wit: (Insert) And having filed bond in the sum Five hundred dollars with James R. Lewis as surety which bond being seen and examined by the Courts is approved and reads as follows to wit: (Insert) and having taken and subscribed the following oath to wit: (Insert) Thereupon Letters of Administration with the Will annexed in due form of law are issued to said James W. May, And this matter is continued. This Entry Should have been made at the February Term 1877 And is made now for then.

"Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663727_00326 : accessed 31 Oct 2021), Jefferson > Probate Order Book, Vol Q, 1875-1876; Vol R, 1876-1879; Vol S, 1879-1880 > Image 326 of 694.

Figure 4.14

Jane (Salyers) Roberts Death Announcement

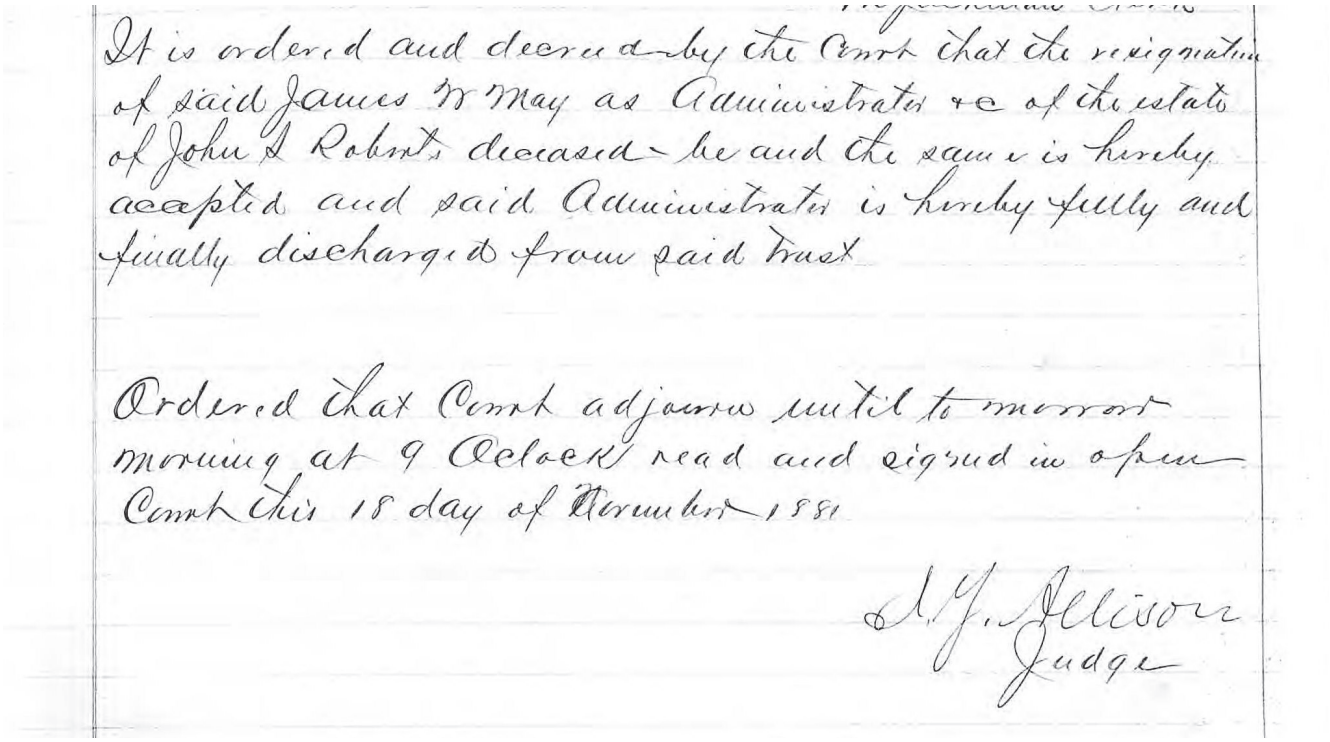


MRS. JANE ROBERTS, wife of John S. Roberts, deceased, of Shelby township, died at the residence of her son-in-law, D. K. Mitchell, last Sunday night, in the 74th year of her age.

Madison (IN) Weekly Herald, 10 Mar 1880, Pg. 3 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 4.15

John S. Roberts[4] Probate – James May's Resignation as Administrator



It is ordered and decreed by the Court that the resignation of said James W May as Administrator &c of the estate of John S Roberts deceased – be and the same is hereby accepted and said Administrator is hereby fully and finally discharged from said Trust

Ordered that Court adjourn until to morrow morning at 9 Oclock read and signed in open Court this 18 day of November 1881

A. J. Allison
Judge

"Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663729_00347 : accessed 31 Oct 2021), Jefferson > Probate Order Book, Vol S, 1880-1881; Vol T, 1881-1882; Vol U, 1882-1882 > Image 347 of 684.

Appendix 4.1

Listing of West Fork Baptist Church Records Pertaining to John and Jane (Salyers) Roberts

Dates of church meetings are generally recorded in the minutes as, for example, "4th Sat in Oct 1839." Dates shown are actual calendar dates.

Source: "Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

John

- **26 Oct 1839.** Council delegate to West Fork Baptist Church from Middle Fork Baptist Church.[36]
- **Undated.** List of members since the Association in 1837.
- **13 Aug 1842.** Received by letter with wife, Jane.
- **8 Oct 1842.** John & James Wildman appointed to visit William B. Smitha due to report of Smitha's use of profane language. Then, 12 Nov 1842, John & John Smitha appointed to see William Smitha to request his attendance.
- **10 Dec 1842.** John reports on visit with Smitha. Smitha acquitted of charge. John requests Smitha ask for letter of dismission, which he does.
- **9 Dec 1843.** John, Isaac Christie, David S. Perkins, & James Christie appointed to meet with Bushy Fork Church at their April meeting as Council on the ordination of Robert Stevenson to the ministry.
- **13 Jul 1844.** Appointed church trustee, with Samuel Caplinger and James Custer. Also, chosen messenger to the Association with Isaac Christie & D. S. Shepherd to deliver letter for inspection of the church.
- **16 Nov 1844.** John, Isaac Christie, & James Christie appointed to visit the Milton Church on the propriety of ordaining Joseph Hankins and Nicholas Lock to the ministry.
- **21 Jun 1845.** John & D. S. Perkins appointed to visit James H. Rabourn regarding his charge against himself for immoral conduct and report at the next meeting.
- **19 Jul 1845.** Reports to church regarding James H. Rabourn, who is acquitted of the charge. Also, John, Isaac Christie, David S. Perkins, & James Christie appointed as messengers to deliver a letter to the Association.

[36] Not sure this is John S. Roberts. Middle Fork Baptist Church was founded in 1820 in Brown Township, Ripley County, Indiana. In 1839, John and family were in Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana. While Brown and Switzerland Counties border each other, a John Roberts continued to serve as a messenger of Middle Fork Baptist Church as late as 1847 (see Scott, Robert W., *Churches of Indian-Kentuck Region*, 1999 [https://ruthh.tripod.com/chscott2.html, accessed 15 Feb 2021]).

- **18 Jul 1846.** Appointed messenger to deliver a letter to the Association with James Custer & James Christie.
- **19 Jun 1847.** John & James Christie appointed to inform Elder A. Baker of the church's call for him as pastor.
- **22 Jul 1848.** John & James Custer appointed messengers to deliver a letter to the Association.
- **28 Oct 1848.** John, Grandville T. Smith, and James Christie elected trustees for the church. Trustees directed to select a site on Michigan Road and one "in this neighborhood," report on each at next meeting so the church can decide on which to build a house of worship. Then, on 23 Dec 1848, the church agreed to locate on the SW corner of the SW/4, Section 30, Township 6, Range 11 in Ripley County.
- **23 Dec 1848.** John & James Christie appointed to inform Elder A. Baker of the church's call for him as pastor. Also, on 27 Jan 1849, church instructed trustees to proceed with having a stone meeting house erected, 35 feet x 45 feet, and endeavor to raise funds by subscription for that purpose.
- **28 Jul 1849.** John, Isaac Christie & G. T. Smitha appointed messengers to deliver a letter to the Association.
- **25 Sep 1852.** Church received letter from Big Creek asking for assistance on the propriety of constituting a church. John, James Custer & James Christie appointed to meet with them.
- **26 Mar 1853.** John, William Spurgeon, & James Christie asked to make a list of what each male member ought to pay towards the support of a pastor for one year, and to raise by subscription what they can for that purpose, and others.
- **25 Jun 1853.** Committee appointed to make a list of what each male member ought to pay toward the support of a pastor for one year made their report, which was accepted. List of male members and their contributions on pages 135 and 136. John Roberts contribution is $4.00.
- **22 Oct 1853.** John & J. H. Perkins appointed to visit Elder Richard Kelly, who was called as pastor of the church.
- **24 Dec 1853.** Elected recording clerk for the church.
- **28 Jan 1854 to 17 Jan 1857.** Signed church minutes as Church Clerk.
- **21 Jul 1855.** John, James Christie, and John Perkins appointed to deliver a letter to the Association.
- **28 Oct 1855.** John, James Christie, and James Custer appointed to raise money by subscription to pay Brother Stevenson as pastor for the next year.
- **19 Jul 1856.** John, James Christie, and William Hiatt appointed to a committee to try to reach an accommodation regarding a difficulty between G. T. Smitha and Mary Smitha.

- **17 Jan 1857.** Requested to be released from the office of Recording Clerk. Granted and James Christie, Jr. appointed to that position.
- **12 Jul 1857.** John, James Custer, and James Christie appointed to a committee to make a list of each member and the amount owed that, in their judgement, is right.
- **12 Sep 1857.** Chosen as moderator for church meeting.[37]
- **12 Dec 1857.** Chosen as moderator for church meeting.[26]
- **12 Jun 1858.** John, James Christie, and W. H. Christie appointed as delegates to the Association to deliver a letter.
- **7 May 1859 to 2 Jul 1859.** Church Clerk.
- **14 Jul 1860.** John, John Perkins, and James Christie, Jr. appointed to committee to solicit funds to fence the church graveyard with a plank fence.
- **8 Mar 1862.** John and Isaac Reynerson appointed to inform Brother Robert Stevenson that the church called him as pastor.
- **11 May 1862.** John, James Custer, John Perkins, and J. S. Vawter appointed as delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held with the Harbert Creek Church on 27 & 28 May.
- **21 Mar 1863.** Appointed to inform Brother Robert Stevenson that he was called as church pastor, see if he can attend, and the amount he would require for his services.
- **18 Apr 1863.** Notation that John did not attend the meeting, so there is no report from him regarding his visit with Brother Stevenson.
- **16 May 1863.** John and James Custer appointed to a committee to meet with Brother Robert Stevenson about the church calling him as pastor. Also, John, James Custer, and J. S. Vawter appointed as delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held with the Harbert Creek Church on 27 May 1863.
- **Undated.** List of members who have died since May 1861. Based on location in church records, the list was likely produced about Mar 1864 and updated from time to time. John's date of death, 17 Dec 1875.
- **16 Apr 1864.** John & Isaac Christie appointed to a committee to notify Brother Robert Stevenson that the church called him to be pastor for another year and the amount he will require to do so.
- **20 May 1865.** John & Isaac Reynerson appointed to committee to search for a new pastor.
- **17 Feb 1866.** John & James Custer appointed to committee to confer with Preston Christie on terms to obtain a deed to the grave yard. At the 21 Apr 1866 meeting, the committee reported there was no deed, but Mr. Christie was willing to make one.

[37] Listed in meeting minutes as "J. Roberts." Probably John S. Roberts based on other records around the same time and the fact that John was the only male Roberts with a first initial J. during this time period.

- **16 Mar 1867.** In response to a request from the Bethel Church, John, Isaac Reynerson, and Joseph Shepherd appointed to meet with the Church at its next meeting to aid in settling a difficulty.
- **15 Jun 1867.** Appointed to notify Brother T. D. George that the church had voted to call him as pastor and learn what salary he will require.
- **20 Jul 1867.** John reports that Brother George will answer the call at a salary the same as last year, $75.00.
- **20 Nov 1869.** Chosen as Moderator Protem [sic] for the day.[38]
- **19 Mar 1870.** John, J. S. Vawter, and H. R. Kirk appointed to a committee to have the deed from Sister Christie[39] corrected. At the 16 Oct 1869 meeting, Sister P. Christie[29] presented a deed for the graveyard which, she said, would be signed by the minor children when they became of age. Deed was accepted. Apparently, there was a mistake on the deed, as she agreed, at the 18 Dec 1869 church meeting, to have the lot surveyed. When the deed was finally presented at the 19 Mar 1870 meeting, it was found to have errors. John was appointed to the committee to have the deed corrected. The committee would stand until the heirs became of age or the deed was perfected.
- **22 May 1870.** John and H. R. Kirk appointed to a committee to investigate two cases. At the 21 May 1870 church meeting, the church heard a charge against James H. Christie[40] and William C. Christie[41] for fighting and compelling Clayton Maloy to confess that he swore falsely against their mother.[29] At this meeting, William Spurgeon, James Custer, and Isaac Reynerson were appointed to see the offending members. The next day, John and H. R. Kirk were appointed to replace William Spurgeon and James Custer. At this same meeting, the committee was instructed to visit with Jane Christie[29] regarding reports that are in circulation against her.
- **19 Nov 1870.** Committee reported that John had seen some bad meat that was reportedly sold by Sister Christie.[29] He had been to Versailles and found that she was fined $25 but was granted a new hearing. Sister McCoy stated she had bought some bad meat from William C. Christie, which Sister Christie took back and replaced with good meat. Due to this, Jane Christie was excluded from the church.
- **19 Aug 1871.** John, Isaac Reynerson, Leavit Morrison, and J. S. Vawter elected messengers to deliver a letter to the Association.
- **17 Aug 1872.** John, Leavit Morrison, Isaac Reynerson, and J. S. Vawter elected messengers to deliver a letter to the Association.

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[38] In the absence of the Church moderator or clerk at a particular meeting, a "protem" would be selected to serve for that meeting.
[39] Jane (Ditch) Christie (1810-1888), wife of James Preston Christie (1816-1867).
[40] James Henry Christie (1849-1922).
[41] William C. Christie (1852-1902).

- **16 Aug 1875.** John, James Custer, Leavit Morrison, and J. S. Vawter elected messengers to deliver a letter to the Association.
- **20 Sep 1873.** John, J. W. Kirk, J. S. Vawter, Leavit Morrison, and James I. McCarty appointed to committee to levy a tax on the members to pay Brother Johnson the balance due him as pastor, $23.75, and to pay a minister in the future. Also, John and J. W. Kirk appointed to inform Elder Robert Stevenson that the church has called him as pastor.
- **15 Nov 1873.** John made a motion that any member refusing to pay the amount assessed to them shall be treated as for other offences. Church passed the motion. Also, John was appointed to see Brother Stevenson to let him know the church would accept his terms as pastor.
- **14 Feb 1874.** Appointed to "keep the meeting house" at the next church meeting.
- **11 Apr 1874.** Chosen to have charge of the meeting house for the next meeting.[42]
- **11 Jul 1874.** John, Isaac Reynerson, and J. S. Vawter appointed to a committee to write a church history.
- **8 Aug 1874.** John, James I. McCarty, and Martha Hamilton elected alternate messengers for delivering a letter to the Association. Also, John agreed to "keep the meeting house" next month.
- **14 Nov 1874.** Agreed to perform the duties of Sexton at the next church meeting.
- **19 Dec 1875.** Elder Stevenson preached the funeral sermon of "old Bro. John Roberts."

Jane

- **Undated.** List of members since the Association in 1837.
- **13 Aug 1842.** Received by letter with husband, John.
- **21 Apr 1866.** Jane, Catherine Custer, and Jane Christie appointed to a committee to visit Martha Higby regarding charges for being absent from church, dancing, and using profane language. At the 19 May 1866 meeting, the committee gave an "unfavorable report" and Martha was excluded from the church.
- **15 Sep 1866.** Jane and Sarah A. Reynerson appointed to a committee to visit with Mary E. Christie regarding charges for dancing and being absent from church. At the 20 Oct 1866 meeting, Sister Christie did not acknowledge her wrongdoing and was excluded from the church.
- **Undated.** List of members released from church and reason. Released due to death on 7 Mar 1880.

[42] Listed in meeting minutes as "J. Roberts." Probably John S. Roberts based on other records around the same time and the fact that John was the only male Roberts with a first initial J. during this time period.

5. ZACHARIAH (b. abt. 1808, d. bef. 1 Jun 1830)

Birth: abt. 1808 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Death: bef. 1 Jun 1830, likely in Ripley County, Indiana.



Signature from 22 Oct 1825 marriage contract between sister Elizabeth[2] and her husband-to-be Jesse Cole.

Zachariah is the fourth child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. Little is known of him, as available records for him are few. If the 1826 will of his father, Edward[1], lists the children in order of birth, Zachariah's birth occurred between his older brother, John[4] (b. 1805) and younger sister, Mariah[6] (b. 1811). One source identifies his birth as abt. 1808. If correct, his birth was likely in Clark County, Kentucky as this is where his parents were married and living at the time.[1,2]

The Roberts family is reflected in the 1810 Clark County census, with Zachariah enumerated as one of the males under 10 years of age.[3]

- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1819, Zachariah's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine. If Zachariah was born abt. 1808, then he would have been at least 11 years of age, and possibly 12, at the time the census was taken, and he should be enumerated in the male, 10-16 year old range. Since he appears to have been counted in the < 10 group, his birth may have been as late as 1810, just before that census was taken. This would still be between the births of brother John and sister Mariah.[4,5]

- White males < 10 – 3 (presumably Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

Zachariah is not found in any 1830 census record. We know he was still alive in Dec 1826 when his father wrote his will and listed him as an heir; however, he is the only heir who did not receive an inheritance when the order of distribution of his father's estate was issued in Nov 1831. In fact,

[1] See Figure 1.13. Edward Roberts[1] Will.
[2] See Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.
[3] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky.
[4] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[5] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.

his name is not mentioned in any probate records. Based on this, I believe Zachariah passed away sometime between the time his father executed his will in Dec 1826 and the 1830 census enumeration on 1 Jun 1830. If this is correct, his death probably occurred in Ripley County, Indiana. Due to the apparent close proximity of death dates between Zachariah and his father, might they both have passed away in a tragic accident or due to sickness? We may never know.[6,7]

Other Purported Sightings of Zachariah[8,9]

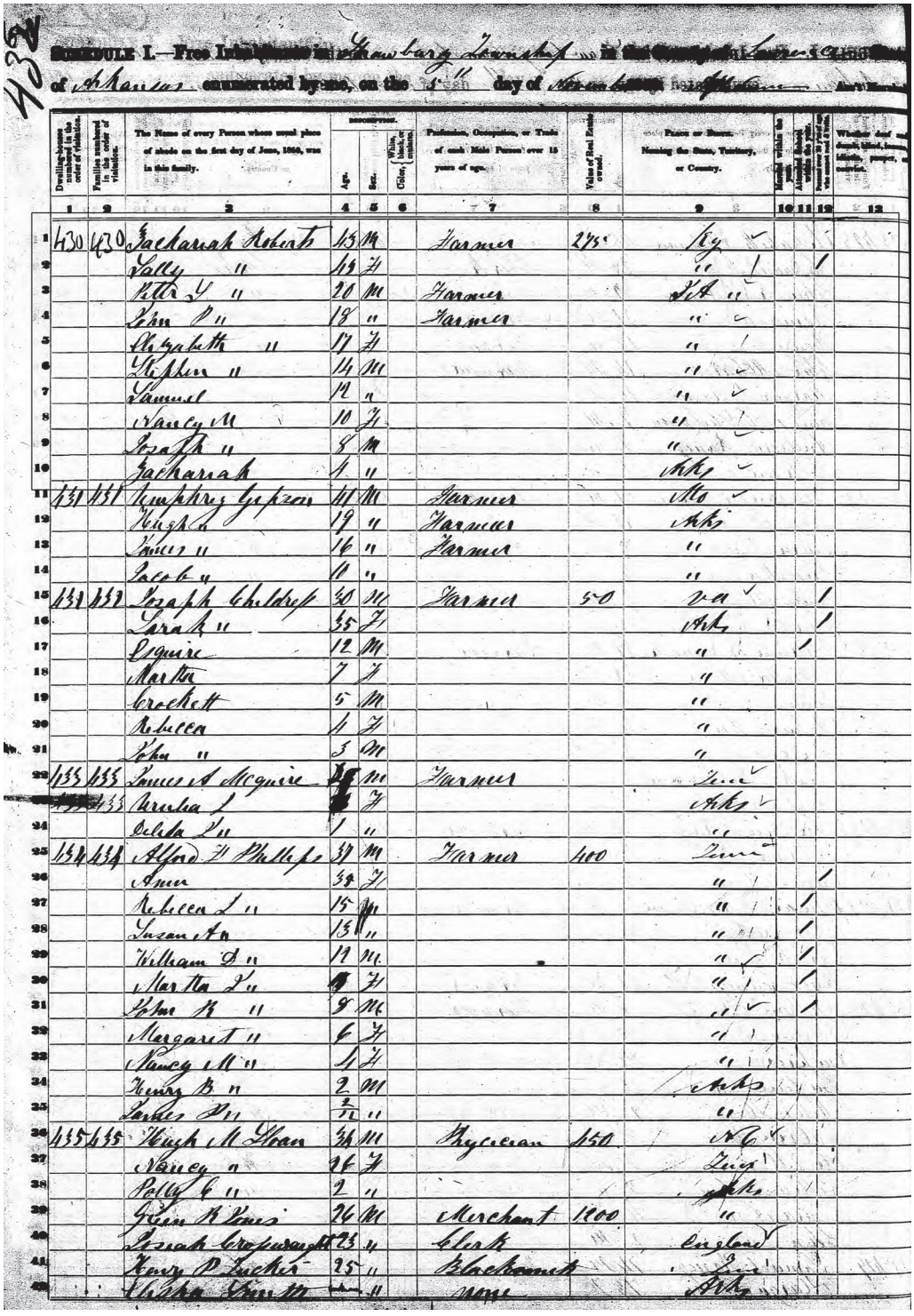
Many genealogical researchers place Zachariah in Lawrence County, Arkansas for the 1850 census, with a wife named Sally and eight children, seven of whom were born in Indiana. This family appears to have moved to Taney County, Missouri by the 1860 census.

These researchers do not provide any conclusive connection to our Zachariah. I do not believe these records overcome the evidence that our Zachariah is not listed in any 1830 census, nor did he receive an inheritance from his father's estate, suggesting he had already passed away when the census was taken and certainly by the time the estate was probated.

[6] See Figure 1.18. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Order of Distribution.
[7] United States Census Bureau, "What day was the census taken each decade?" (https://www.census.gov/history/www/faqs/demographic_faqs/what_day_was_the_census_taken_each_decade.html : accessed 31 Oct 2021).
[8] Figure 5.1. 1850 United States Federal Census – Strawberry Township, Lawrence County, Arkansas.
[9] Figure 5.2. 1860 United States Federal Census – Jasper Township, Taney County, Missouri.

Figure 5.1

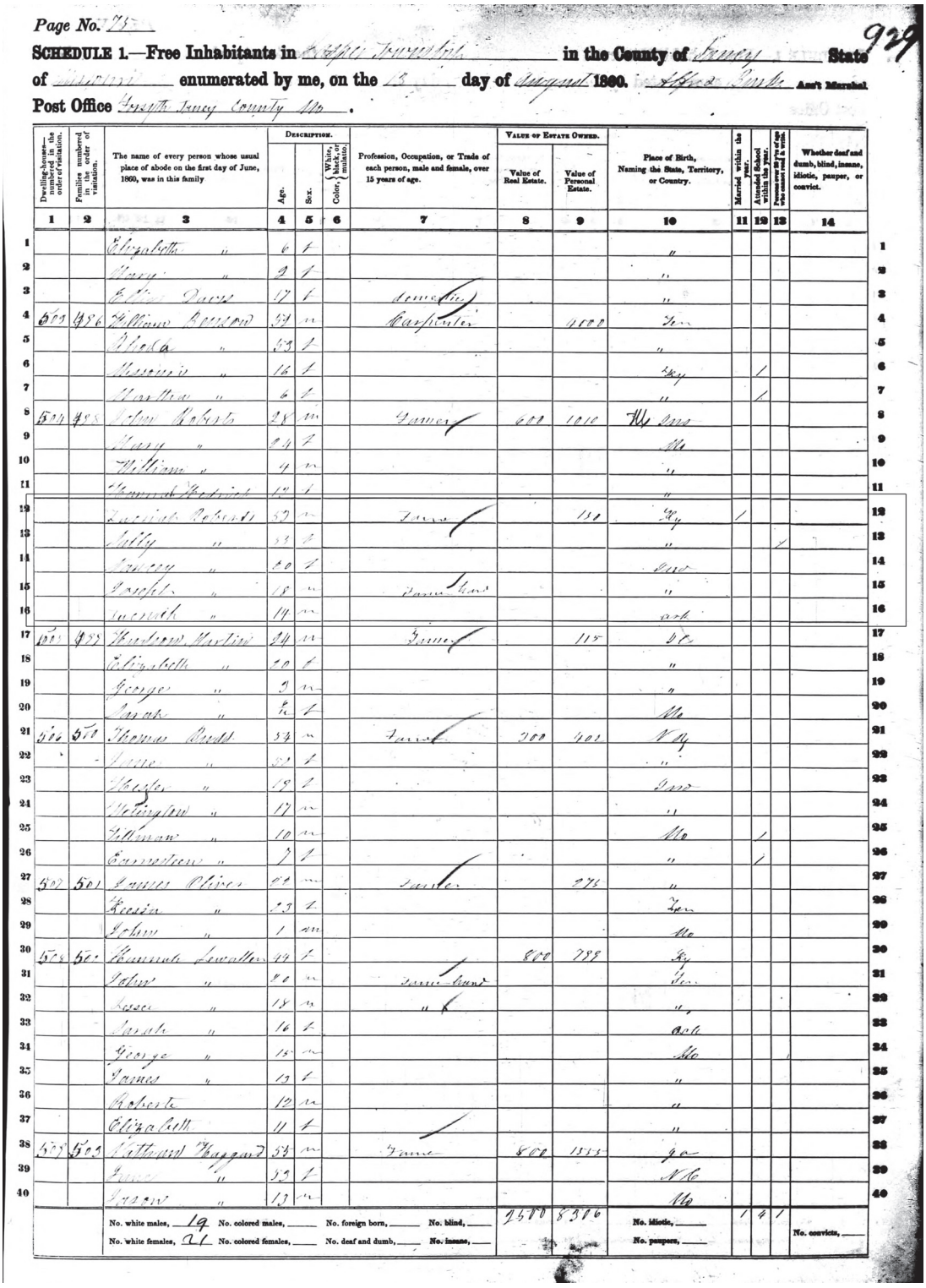
1850 United States Federal Census – Strawberry Township, Lawrence County, Arkansas



"1850 United States Federal Census, database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4193067-00447 : accessed 2 Feb 2022), Arkansas > Lawrence > Strawberry > image 3 of 15.

Figure 5.2

1860 United States Federal Census – Jasper Township, Taney County, Missouri



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Jasper Township in the County of Taney State of Missouri enumerated by me, on the 13 day of August 1860. Alfred Lewis Asst Marshal

Post Office Forsyth Taney County Mo.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Elizabeth "	6	f					"				
		Mary "	9	f					"				
		Ellen Davis	17	f		Domestic			"				
503	486	William Benson	37	m		Carpenter		1000	Tenn				
		Linda "	33	f					"				
		Missouri "	16	f					Ky		1		
		Martha "	6	f					"		1		
504	487	John Roberts	28	m		Farmer	600	1010	Ill				
		Mary "	24	f					Mo				
		William "	4	m					"				
		Emmet Rodrick	12	f					"				
		Lucinda Roberts	32	m		Farm Labor		150	Ky	1			
		Polly "	33	f					"		1		
		Lavicy "	10	f					Ark				
		Joseph "	18	m		Farm Labor			"				
		Jacob "	14	m					Ark				
505	488	Henderson Martin	34	m		Farmer		115	SC				
		Elizabeth "	20	f					"				
		George "	3	m					"				
		Sarah "	2	f					Mo				
506	500	Thomas Budd	34	m		Farmer	200	405	Ky				
		Jane "	30	f					"				
		Harriet "	12	f					Ark				
		Washington "	11	m					"				
		Tillman "	10	m					Mo		1		
		Barnstress "	7	f					"		1		
507	501	James Oliver	60	m		Farmer		275	"				
		Cecelia "	23	f					Tenn				
		John "	1	m					Mo				
508	502	Emmaline Lewallen	44	f			800	789	Ky				
		John "	20	m		Farm Laborer			Tenn				
		Jesse "	18	m		"			"				
		Sarah "	16	f					Ark				
		George "	15	m					Mo			1	
		James "	13	f					"				
		Roberts	12	m					"				
		Elizabeth	11	f					"				
509	503	Nathaniel Haggard	53	m		Farmer	800	1515	Ga				
		Jane "	53	f					NC				
		Jasper "	13	m					Mo				
		No. white males, 19 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____					2500	8306	No. idiotic, ____	1	4	1	
		No. white females, 21 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____							No. paupers, ____				No. convicts, ____

"1860 United States Federal Census, database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4234823_00370 : accessed 2 Feb 2022), Missouri > Taney > Jasper > image 3 of 10.

6. MARIAH (b. 11 Mar 1811, d. Jul 1884)

Birth: 11 Mar 1811 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: 28 Aug 1828 to Benjamin Shepherd in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1810 in Kentucky, d. 4 Oct 1863).

- John Shepherd
  - b. 8 Jul 1829, likely in Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 4 Jul 1856 to Elizabeth Ann Black, likely in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1829; d. 29 Jun 1909 in New Marion, Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. 28 Nov 1898 in Ripley County, Indiana.
- Nancy Shepherd
  - b. 6 Jan 1831, likely in Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 23 Mar 1854 to Albert Otis Warner in Rock County, Wisconsin (b. 30 Aug 1832 in Vermont; d. 20 Aug 1864 in Lovejoy, Clayton County, Georgia during Battle of Atlanta in the Civil War).
  - d. 24 Nov 1899 in Rock County, Wisconsin.
- Isaac Shepherd
  - b. 5 Feb 1833 in Indiana, likely Ripley County.
  - d. 2 Sep 1861 of measles contracted during the Civil War.
- David P. Shepherd
  - b. 27 Mar 1835 in Indiana, likely either Ripley or Jefferson County.
  - m. 4 Apr 1862 to Elizabeth Benham, likely in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 20 Jun 1844 in Indiana; d. 3 Mar 1922 in Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. 2 Mar 1897 in Indiana, likely in Ripley County.
- William Pleasant Shepherd
  - b. 4 Jul 1837 in Indiana, likely either Ripley or Jefferson County.
  - m. 24 Apr 1860 to Martha A. Kelly, likely in Ripley County, Indiana.
  - d. _____.
- Nathaniel Chester Shepherd
  - b. 5 Sep 1839 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - m. 24 Dec 1885 to Sarah E. Black, likely in Ripley County, Indiana (b. May 1855 in Indiana; d. 13 Sep 1930).
  - d. 30 Nov 1918 in Shelby Twp., Ripley County, Indiana.
- Edward M. Shepherd
  - b. 6 Feb 1842 in Indiana, likely in Jefferson County.
  - d. Nov 1863. Killed in action during the Civil War.

- Mary J. Shepherd
  - b. 18 May 1845 in Indiana, likely in Jefferson County.
  - m. 3 Oct 1865 to Henry C. Kiser (b. abt. 1844 in Indiana; d. bef. 1920, likely in Illinois).
  - d. bef. Apr 1875.
- Isabella Shepherd
  - b. abt. 1847 in Indiana, likely in Jefferson County.
  - m. 12 Apr 1875 to Henry C. Kiser (b. abt. 1844 in Indiana; d. bef. 1920, likely in Illinois).
  - d. bef. 1930.
- Rosanna Shepherd
  - b. 9 Aug 1851 in Indiana, likely in Jefferson County.
  - m. 11 Nov 1870 to James Marion Noyes, likely in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 29 Jun 1850 in Indiana; d. 30 Apr 1890 in Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. 1 Apr 1826 in Osgood, Ripley County, Indiana.

Death: Jul 1884 in Indiana.

Mariah was the fifth child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. According to records in a Shepherd Family file at the Ripley County, Indiana Historical Society, Mariah was born 11 Mar 1811. Another source places Mariah's birth as abt. 1810 in Kentucky. In either case, her birth was likely in Clark County, Kentucky as this is where her parents were married and living at the time.[1,2]

The Roberts family is reflected in the 1810 Clark County census, with Mariah enumerated as one of the females under 10 years of age.[3]

- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1819, Mariah's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Mariah enumerated as a female < 10 years old.[4,5]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])

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[1] Appendix 6.1 contains records from the Shepherd Family file at the Ripley County, Indiana Historical Society. Records identify Mariah, her husband Benjamin, their 10 children, and other information. These records are one source for much of the information in this sketch.
[2] See Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.
[3] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky.
[4] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[5] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.

- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

On 28 Aug 1828, at about 17 years of age, Mariah married Benjamin Shepherd in Ripley County, Indiana. Mariah and Benjamin immediately started building their family, with their first child, John, born eleven months later.[6]

The 1830 census shows Mariah and Benjamin living in Ripley County, Indiana with son, John.[7]

- White males < 5 – 1 (John)
- White males 20 to < 30 – 1 (Benjamin)
- White females to < 20 – 1 (Mariah)

Mariah was received into membership of the West Fork Baptist Church by experience on 27 Sep 1834 and by the 1840 census, the Shepherd family had moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana, where the family had grown to eight. Benjamin is shown as employed in the manufacturing and trade industry. Later records show Benjamin's trade as a cooper (someone who makes or repairs wooden casks or tubs).[8,9]

- White males < 5 – 2 (William Pleasant and Nathaniel Chester)
- White males 5 to < 10 – 2 (Isaac and David P.)
- White males 10 to < 15 – 1 (John)
- White males 30 to < 40 – 1 (Benjamin)
- White females 5 to < 10 – 1 (Nancy)
- White females 20 to < 30 – 1 (Mariah[6])

In 1850, the Shepherd family continues to reside in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana, living near Mariah's brother, John S. Roberts[4] and his family. The Shepherds were apparently of modest means, as the census recoded the value of real estate owned by Benjamin as $100. Additionally, it records Mariah as unable to read or write and records Benjamin as "insane;" unfortunately, the instructions for census enumerators do not provide any guidance as to what types of infirmity might cause an individual to be listed as such.[10,11]

Another 1850 census record may also identify Benjamin. On 5 Oct 1850, inmates at the Jefferson County prison in Madison were enumerated and a Benjamin Shepherd is listed as an inmate. He is 43 years old, occupation is Cooper, born in Kentucky, cannot read or write, and is identified as insane – all facts that correlate well with Mariah's husband. It would be very unusual for an individual to be enumerated twice. Might Benjamin have been imprisoned sometime between

[6] Figure 6.1. Mariah Roberts[6] and Benjamin Shepherd Marriage Record.
[7] Figure 6.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[8] Figure 6.3. West Fork Baptist Church – Mariah Shepherd[6] Received into Membership.
[9] Figure 6.4. 1840 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[10] Figure 6.5. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[11] "1850 Census Instructions to Enumerators," US Census Bureau (https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1850/1850-instructions.html, accessed 20 Dec 2021).

16 Sep 1850, when he is shown in the census living at home, and 5 Oct 1850? Or, might this reflect two different individuals? More research is needed.[12]

Later records show Benjamin to have had a criminal history. On 1 Apr 1859, he began a two-year sentence at the Indiana State Prison in Jeffersonville, after having been convicted of Grand Larceny. He was released on 1 Apr 1861. The prison record states that he had a wife and 10 children living "near Madison (in Bryantsburgh), Ind." and two brothers, James and John, in Putnam County, Indiana. His occupation is listed as "Cooper" and his character is "Intemperate." Physically, we find Benjamin was about 5' 5-3/4" tall, fair complected with blue eyes and brown hair, and he had a small scar over his right eye. He was also unable to write, but was able to read.[13,14]

With her husband, Benjamin, in prison during the 1860 census, Mariah remained in Shelby Township with four of her children. She has a very small personal estate with an estimated value of $50. Benjamin is found in the Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana census at the Indiana State Penitentiary. After he was released from prison in 1861, it is not known if he and Mariah stayed together. He passed away 4 Oct 1863. I have found no record showing he and Mariah were together after his release.[15,16]

For at least the next 20 years, Mariah continued to live in Shelby Township. The 1870 census shows her and her two youngest daughters, Isabell and Rosanna, living in the "Jesse Sheppard" household. With Mariah identified as 59 years old and Jesse as 30 years old, it seem unlikely they are husband and wife. Mariah and Benjamin had no children named Jesse, so Jesse's identity is not positively known; however, I believe there are two possibilities. He may be a nephew, or he may be son Nathaniel Chester, which I think is probably correct. The Shepherd Family records (Appendix 6.1) do not identify a Jesse Shephard. Nathaniel does not appear, by that name, in the 1870 Ripley County census, though he is present in the 1860 and 1880 census, with Mariah living with him in 1880. The 1870 census records "Jesse" as 30 years old and born in Indiana, which matches Nathaniel's information. His occupation is Cooper, which is his father's occupation.[17,18]

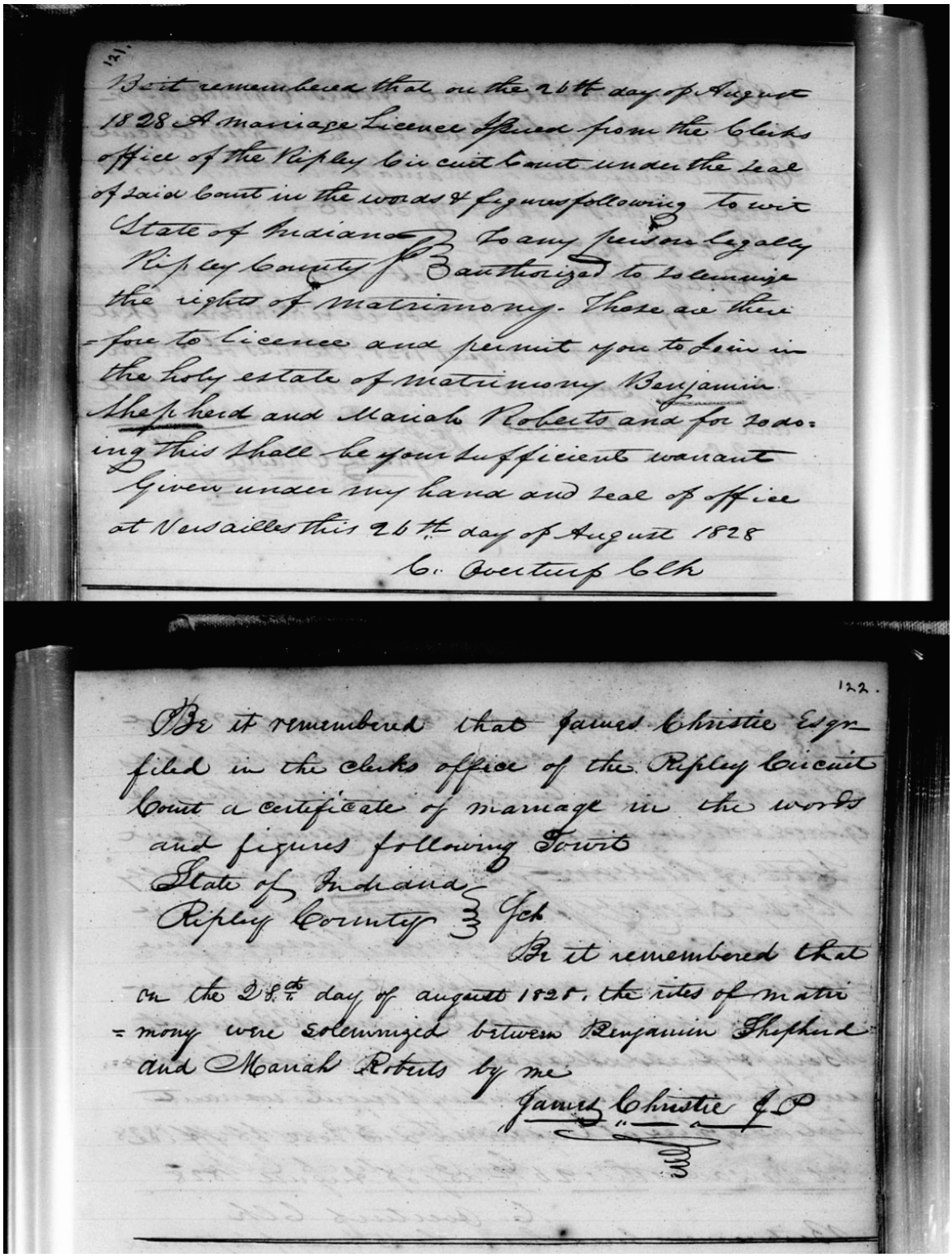
The Shepherd Family records note Mariah's death as Jul 1884; however, her burial location is not known. While the records do not identify a location, her death was probably in Ripley County, Indiana.

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[12] Figure 6.6. 1850 United States Federal Census – Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[13] Figure 6.7. Indiana State Prison Record for Benjamin Shepherd.
[14] In this context, "intemperate" could mean one of two things – either he drank heavily or he may have been just a mean person.
[15] Figure 6.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[16] Figure 6.9. 1860 United States Federal Census – Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.
[17] Figure 6.10. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[18] Figure 6.11. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana.

Figure 6.1

Mariah Roberts[6] and Benjamin Shepherd Marriage Record



121.

Be it remembered that on the 26th day of August 1828 A marriage Licence issued from the Clerks office of the Ripley Circuit Court under the seal of said Court in the words & figures following to wit

State of Indiana } To any person Legally
Ripley County } Sct authorized to Solemnize

the rights of Matrimony. These are therefore to licence and permit you to join in the holy estate of matrimony Benjamin Shepherd and Mariah Roberts and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant

Given under my hand and seal of office at Versailles this 26th day of August 1828

G. Overturf Clk

122.

Be it remembered that James Christie Esqr filed in the clerks office of the Ripley Circuit Court a certificate of marriage in the words and figures following Towit

State of Indiana }
Ripley County } Sct

Be it remembered that on the 28th day of august 1828. the rites of matrimony were solemnized between Benjamin Shepherd and Mariah Roberts by me

James Christie J P

Received 5 Oct 2020 from Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division. 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Original source: Marriage Records, Ripley County, Indiana, 1818-1922. Film #007730338, citing Ripley County, Indiana Clerk of the Circuit Court, Record of Marriages v. 1, Jul 1818-Nov 1834, Pages 121 & 122.

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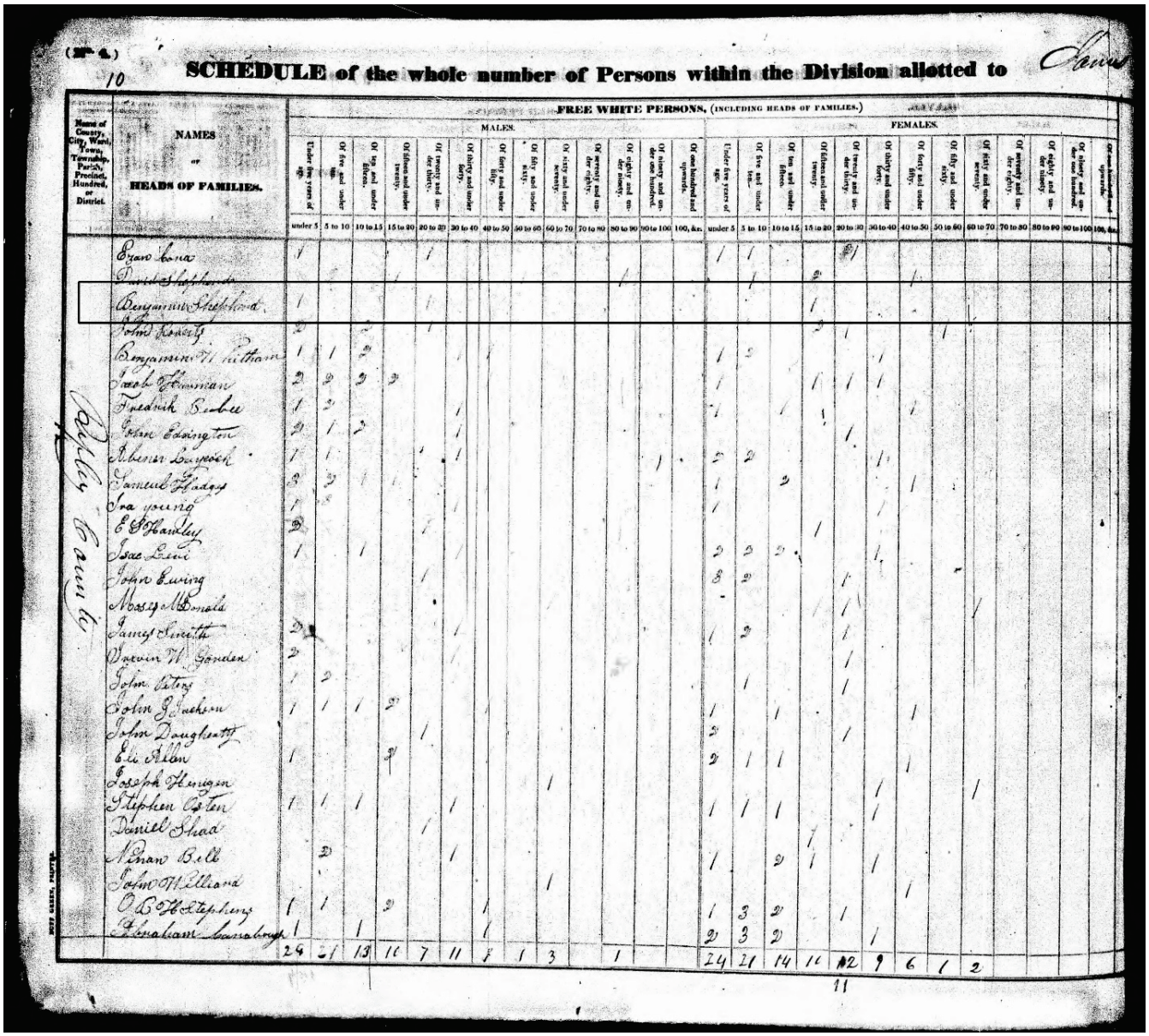
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Figure 6.2 (2 pages)

1830 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana

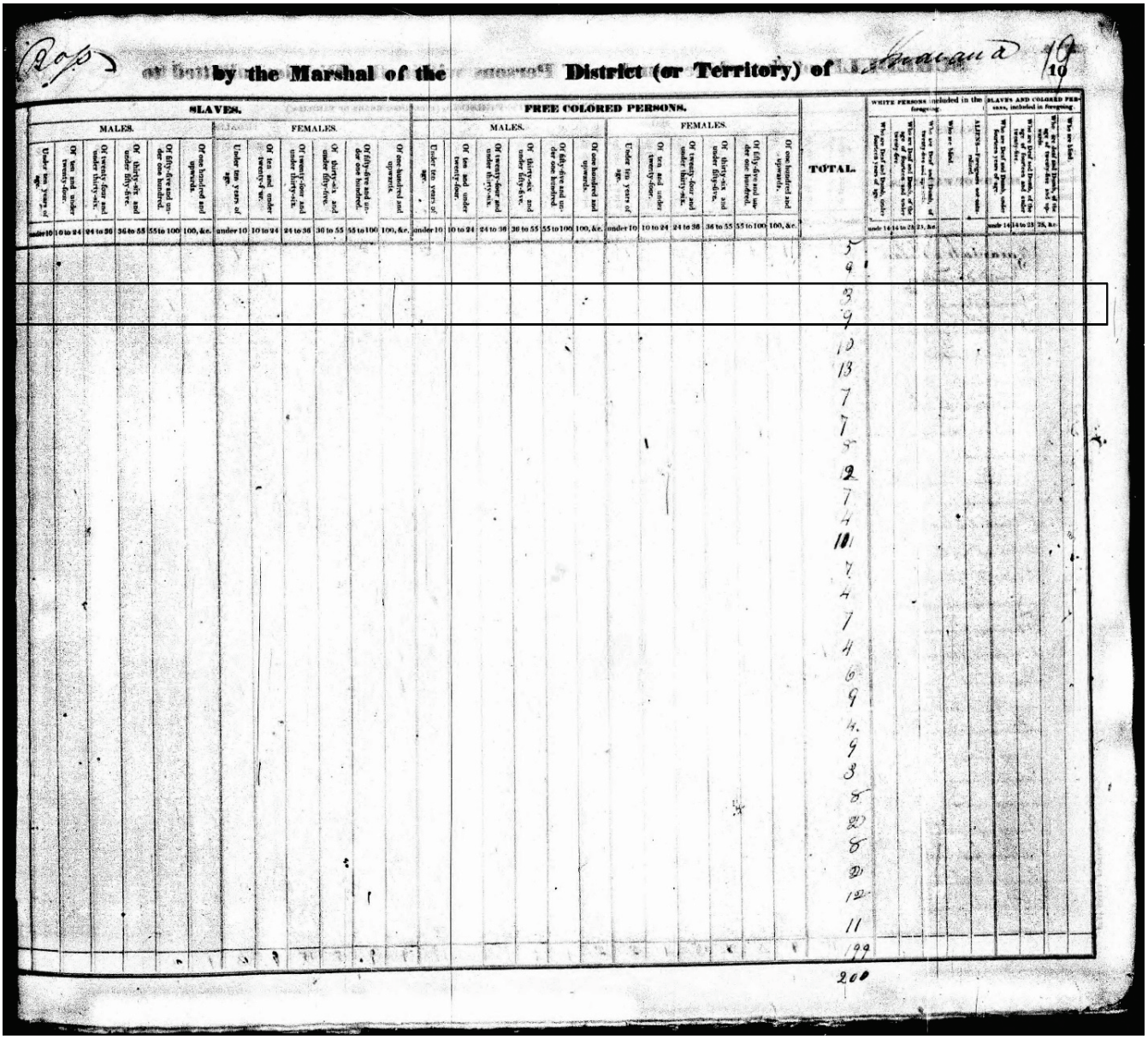


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FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES of HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES. Under five years of age	Of five and under ten	Of ten and under fifteen	Of fifteen and under twenty	Of twenty and under thirty	Of thirty and under forty	Of forty and under fifty	Of fifty and under sixty	Of sixty and under seventy	Of seventy and under eighty	Of eighty and under ninety	Of ninety and under one hundred	Of one hundred and upwards	FEMALES. Under five years of age	Of five and under ten	Of ten and under fifteen	Of fifteen and under twenty	Of twenty and under thirty	Of thirty and under forty	Of forty and under fifty	Of fifty and under sixty	Of sixty and under seventy	Of seventy and under eighty	Of eighty and under ninety	Of ninety and under one hundred	Of one hundred and upwards	Coloured persons
		under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	
	Evan Lane	1			1	1									1	1			1									
	David Shepherd				1							1				1		2		1								
	Benjamin Stubblefield	1				1												1										
	John Kenady	2		2		1												2	1			1						
	Benjamin M Pittman	1	1	2			1	1							1	2				1								
	Jacob Eisman	2	2	2	2										1			1	1	1								
	Fredrick Seibel	1	2				1								1		1		1		1							
	John Covington	2	1	2			1											1		1								
	Absalom Haycock	1	1			1	1						1		2	2				1								
	Samuel Hadley	3	2	1	1										1		2				1							
	Ira young	1	2				1								1					1								
	E Hankley	2			1													1										
	Isac Lent	1		1			1								2	2	2			1		2						
	John Ewing				1										3	2			1									
	Mossy McDonald					1												1	1				1					
	James Smith	2					1								1	2			1									
	Darwin M Gordon	2					1												1									
	John Estes	1	2													1			1									
	John G Jackson	1	1	1	2			1							1		1				1							
	John Daugherty				1										2				1									
	Eli Allen	1			2										2	1	1				1							
	Joseph Henigan								1											1			1					
	Stephen Coten	1	1	1			1								1	1	1			1								
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	Nehan Bell		2				1								1		2	1		1								
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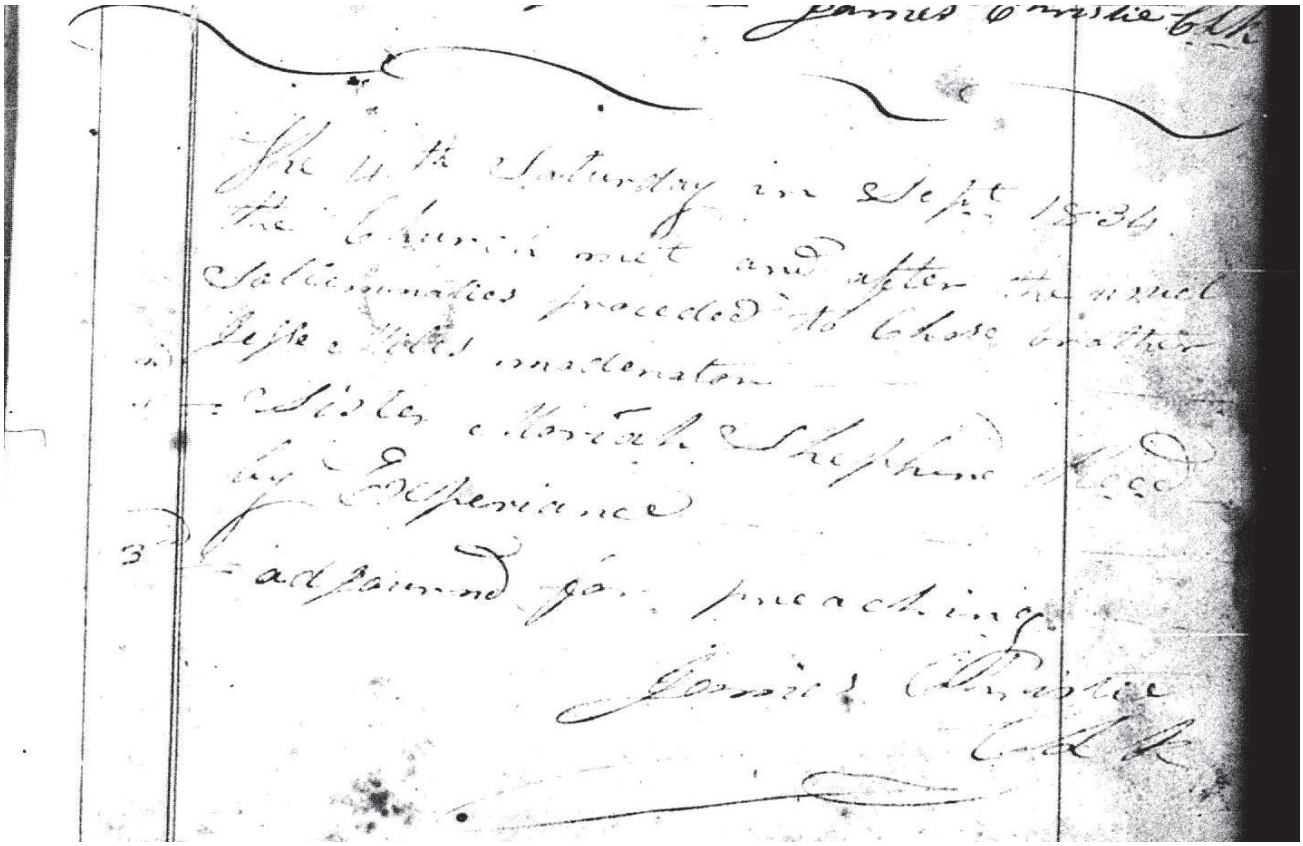


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SLAVES. MALES. Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	SLAVES. FEMALES. Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	FREE COLORED PERSONS. MALES. Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	FREE COLORED PERSONS. FEMALES. Under ten years of age.	Of ten and under twenty-four.	Of twenty-four and under thirty-six.	Of thirty-six and under fifty-five.	Of fifty-five and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upwards.	TOTAL.	WHITE PERSONS included in the foregoing. Who are Deaf and Dumb, under fourteen years of age.	Who are Deaf and Dumb, of the age of fourteen and under twenty-five.	Who are Deaf and Dumb, of the age of twenty-five and upwards.	Who are blind.	ALIENS—Foreigners not naturalized.	SLAVES AND COLORED PERSONS, included in foregoing. Who are Deaf and Dumb, under fourteen years of age.	Who are Deaf and Dumb, of the age of fourteen and under twenty-five.	Who are Deaf and Dumb, of the age of twenty-five and upwards.	Who are blind.
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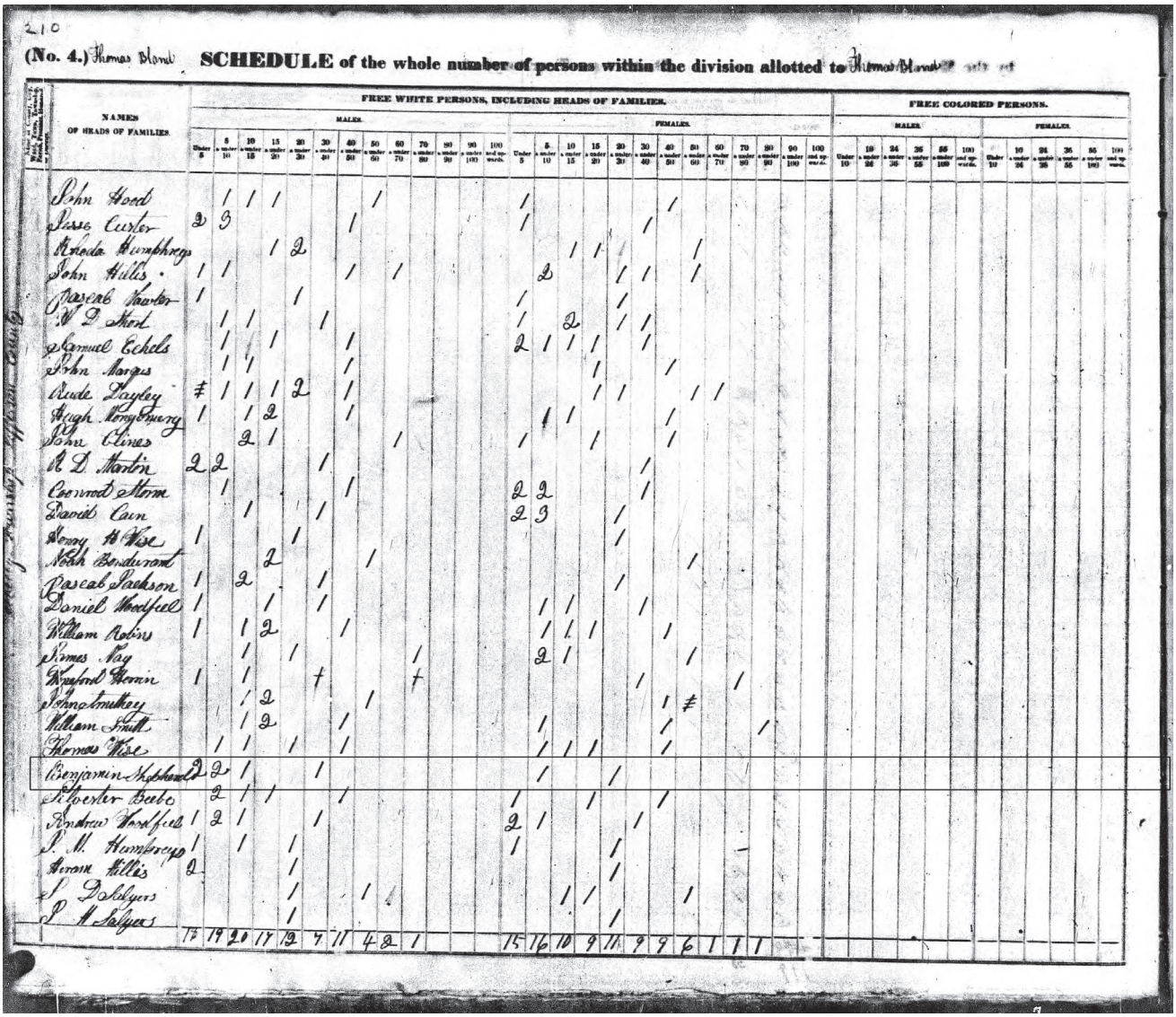
West Fork Baptist Church – Mariah Shepherd[6] Received into Membership



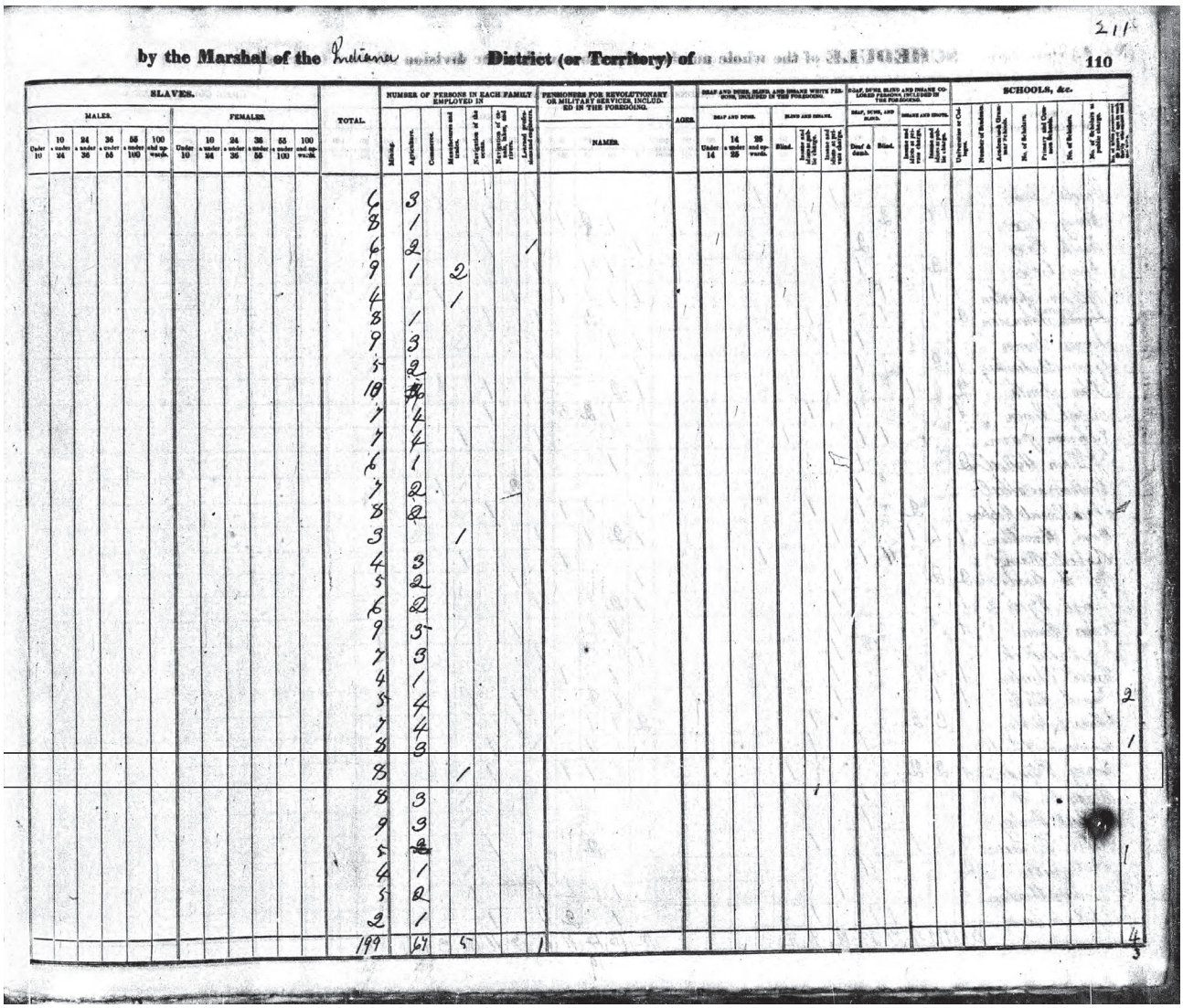
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Figure 6.4 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



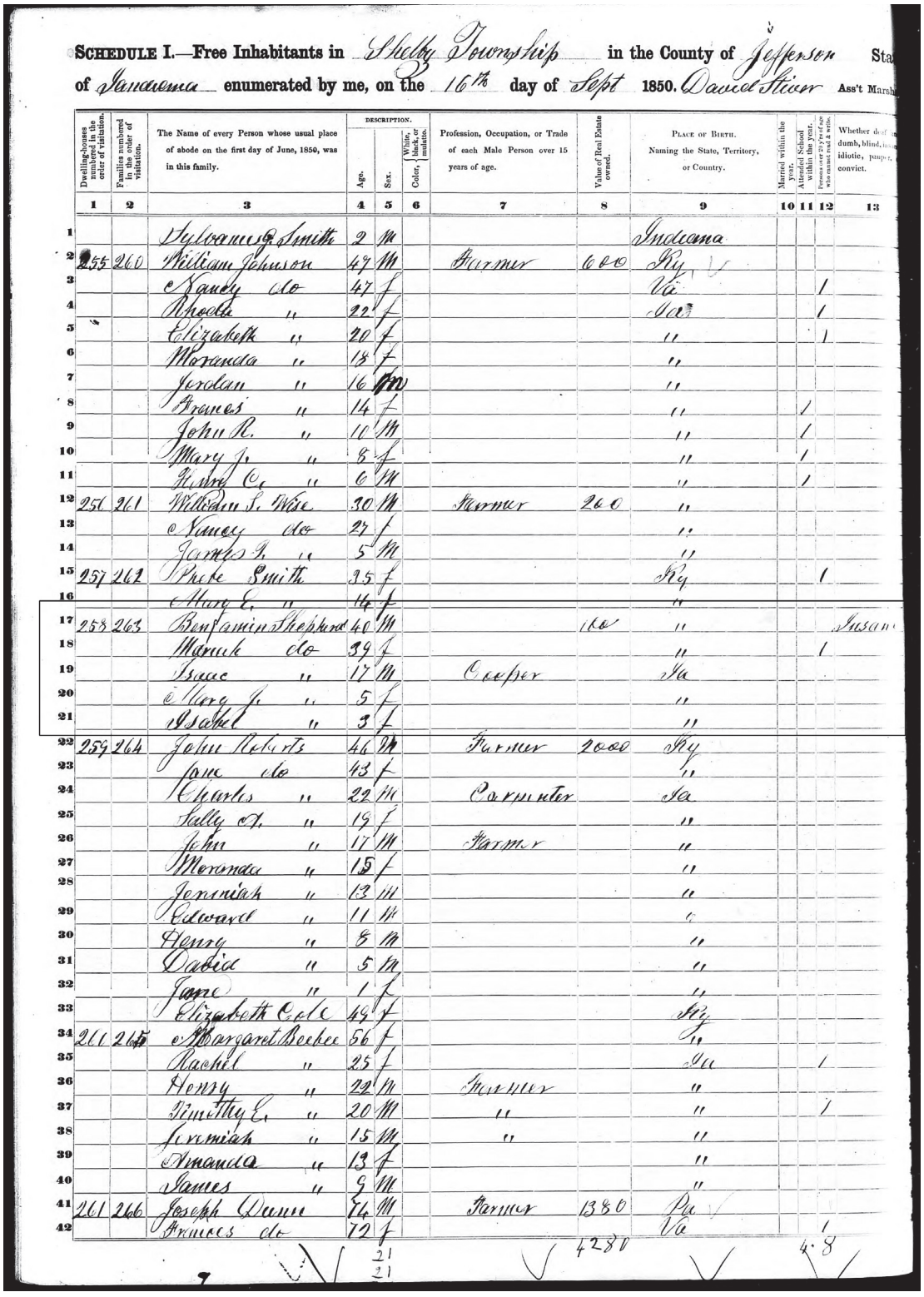
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SLAVES. MALES. Under 10	10 under 14	14 under 26	26 under 45	45 under 100	100 and upwards	FEMALES. Under 10	10 under 14	14 under 26	26 under 45	45 under 100	100 and upwards	TOTAL	NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EACH FAMILY EMPLOYED IN Mining.	Agriculture.	Commerce.	Manufactures and trades.	Navigation of the ocean.	Navigation of canals, rivers, and lakes.	Learned professions.	PENSIONERS FOR REVOLUTIONARY OR MILITARY SERVICES, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. NAMES.	AGES.	DEAF AND DUMB, BLIND, AND INSANE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. DEAF AND DUMB. Under 14	14 under 25	25 and upwards.	BLIND AND INSANE. Blind.	Insane and idiots at private charge.	Insane and idiots at public charge.	DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND. Deaf & dumb.	Blind.	DEAF AND DUMB.	Insane and idiots at private charge.	Insane and idiots at public charge.	SCHOOLS, &c. Universities or Colleges.	Number of Students.	Academies & Grammar Schools.	No. of Scholars.	Primary and Common Schools.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Scholars who cannot read and write.	Number of Libraries.	No. of Volumes.
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Figure 6.5

1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



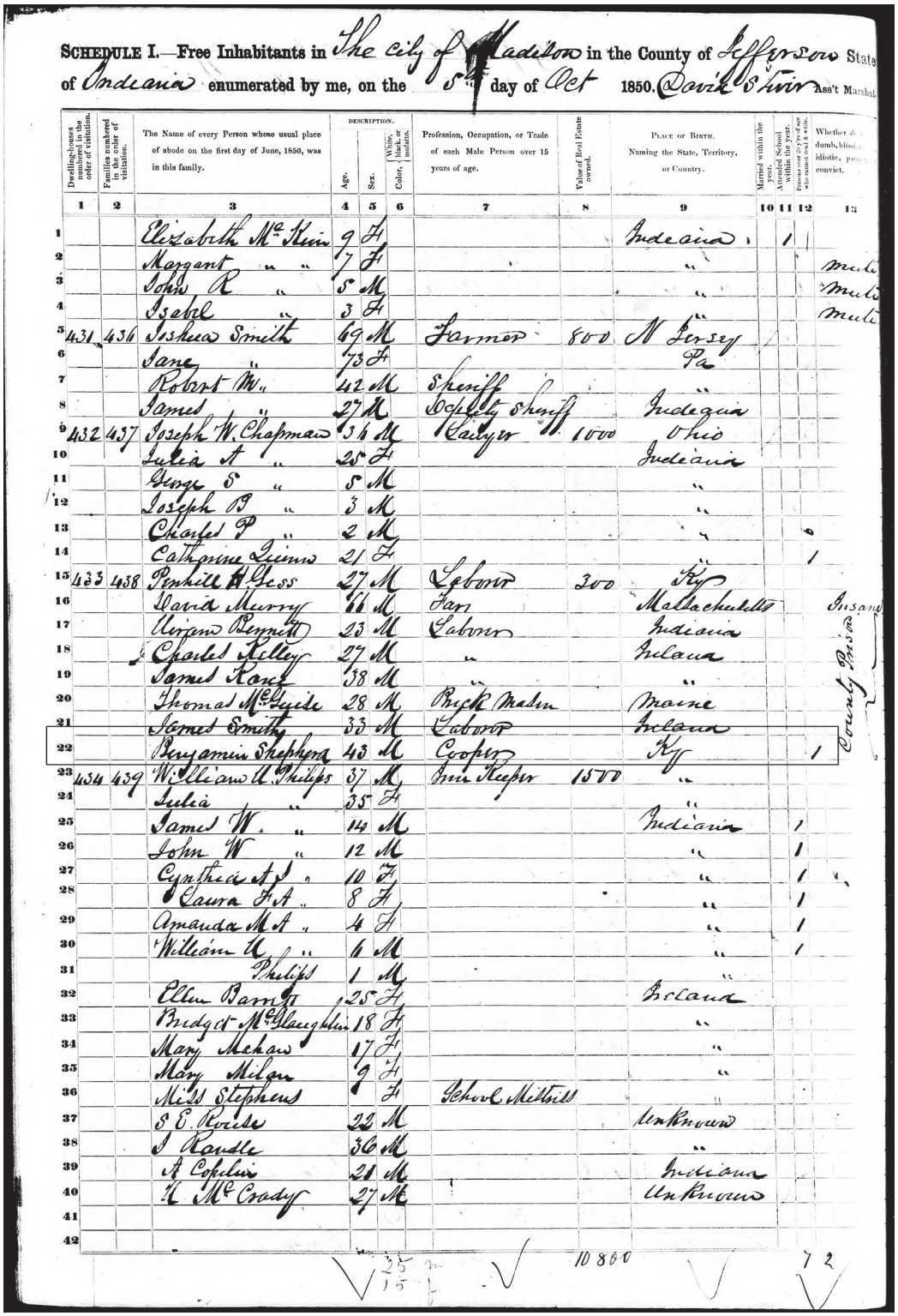
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of Jamaema enumerated by me, on the 16th day of Sept 1850. David Stiver Ass't Marsh

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1		Sylvanus Smith	2	M				Indiana			
2	255	260 William Johnson	47	M		Farmer	600	Ky			
3		" Nancy do	47	F				Va		1	
4		" Rhoda "	22	F				Ind		1	
5		" Elizabeth "	20	F				"		1	
6		" Miranda "	18	F				"			
7		" Jordan "	16	M				"			
8		" Frances "	14	F				"		1	
9		" John R. "	10	M				"		1	
10		" Mary J. "	8	F				"		1	
11		" Wesley C. "	6	M				"		1	
12	256	261 William S. Wise	30	M		Farmer	200	"			
13		" Nancy do	27	F				"			
14		" James G. "	5	M				"			
15	257	262 Peter Smith	35	F				Ky		1	
16		" Mary E. "	14	F				"			
17	258	263 Benjamin Shepherd	40	M			160	"			Susan
18		" Marick do	39	F				"		1	
19		" Isaac "	17	M		Cooper		Ia			
20		" Mary J. "	5	F				"			
21		" Isabel "	3	F				"			
22	259	264 John Roberts	46	M		Farmer	2000	Ky			
23		" Jane do	43	F				"			
24		" Charles "	22	M		Carpenter		Ia			
25		" Sally A. "	19	F				"			
26		" John "	17	M		Farmer		"			
27		" Miranda "	15	F				"			
28		" Jeremiah "	13	M				"			
29		" Edward "	11	M				"			
30		" Henry "	8	M				"			
31		" Dabid "	5	M				"			
32		" Jane "	1	F				"			
33		" Elizabeth Cole	49	F				Ky			
34	261	265 " Margaret Beebee	56	F				"			
35		" Rachel "	25	F				Ia		1	
36		" Henry "	22	M		Farmer		"			
37		" Timothy E. "	20	M		"		"		1	
38		" Jeremiah "	15	M		"		"			
39		" Amanda "	13	F				"			
40		" James "	9	M				"			
41	261	266 Joseph Dunn	74	M		Farmer	1380	Pa			
42		" Frances do	72	F				Va		1	
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Figure 6.6

1850 United States Federal Census – Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana



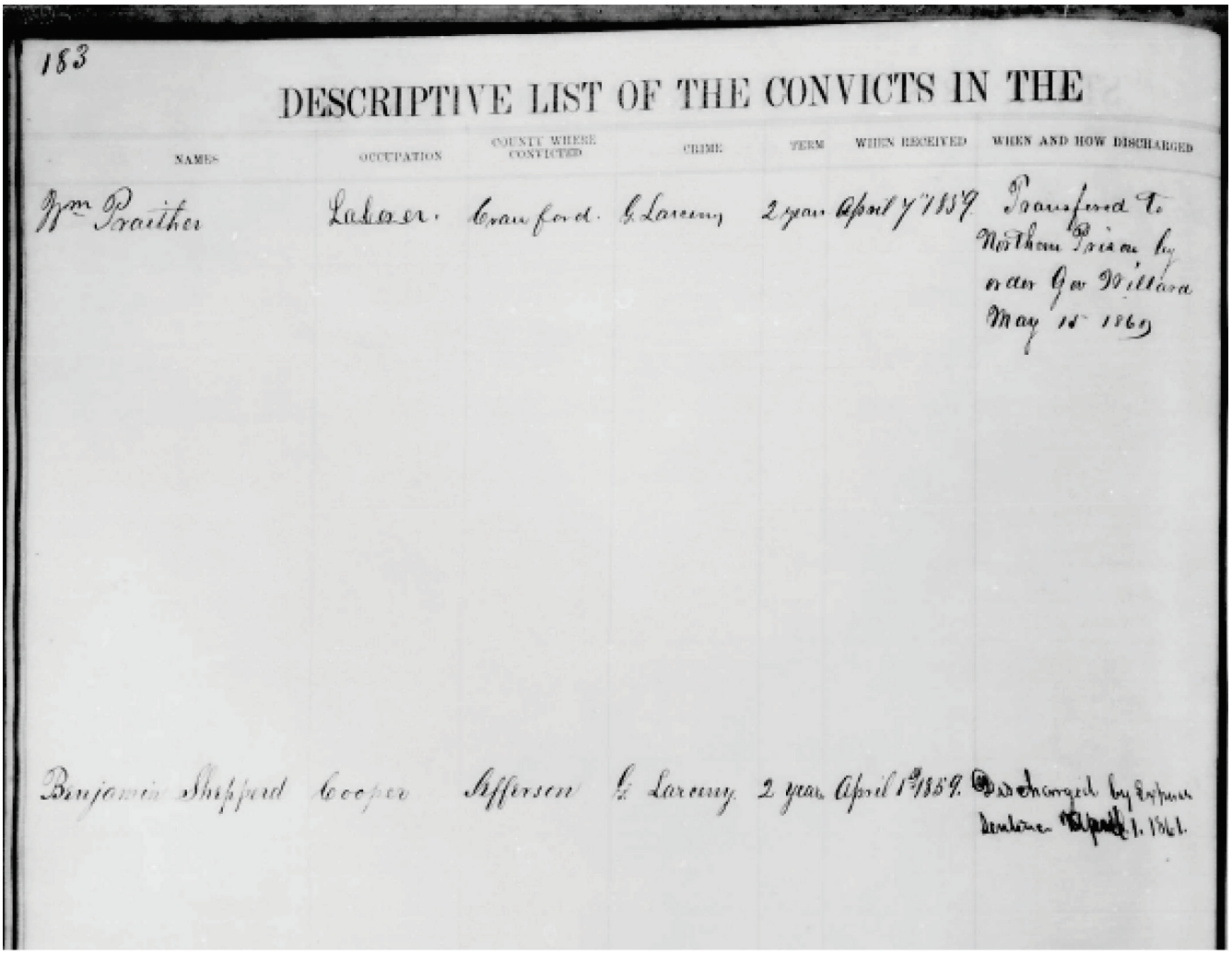
SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in The city of Madison in the County of Jefferson State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 5th day of Oct 1850. David S Finn Ass't Marshal

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether dumb, blind, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1		Elizabeth McKeen	9	F				Indiana		1		
2		Margaret " "	7	F				"				mulatto
3		John R "	5	M				"				mulatto
4		Isabel "	3	F				"				mulatto
5	431 436	Joshua Smith	69	M		Farmer	800	N Jersey				
6		Jane "	73	F				Pa				
7		Robert M "	42	M		Sheriff		"				
8		James "	27	M		Deputy Sheriff		Indiana				
9	432 437	Joseph W. Chapman	36	M		Lawyer	1000	Ohio				
10		Julia A "	25	F				Indiana				
11		George S "	5	M				"				
12		Joseph P "	3	M				"				
13		Charles P "	2	M				"				
14		Catharine Timms	21	F				"			1	
15	433 438	Penhill H Goss	27	M		Laborer	300	Ky				
16		David Murry	66	M		Farmer		Massachusetts				Insane
17		Uriam Bennett	23	M		Laborer		Indiana				
18		Charles Kelley	27	M		"		Indiana				
19		James Kane	38	M				"				
20		Thomas McClyeite	28	M		Brick Maker		Maine				
21		James Smith	33	M		Laborer		Ireland				
22		Benjamin Stephens	48	M		Cooper		Ky			1	
23	434 439	William A Phillips	37	M		Inn Keeper	1500	"				
24		Julia "	35	F				"				
25		James W "	14	M				Indiana		1		
26		John W "	12	M				"		1		
27		Cynthia A J "	10	F				"		1		
28		Laura F A "	8	F				"		1		
29		Amanda M A "	4	F				"		1		
30		William H "	6	M				"		1		
31		Phillips	1	M				"				
32		Ellen Barrett	25	F				Ireland				
33		Bridget McGlaughlin	18	F				"				
34		Mary Mehaw	17	F				"				
35		Mary Milan	9	F				"				
36		Miss Stephens		F		School Mistress		"				
37		S E Rouse	22	M				Unknown				
38		J Randle	36	M				"				
39		A Coplin	21	M				Indiana				
40		H McCrady	27	M				Unknown				
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Figure 6.7 (2 pages)

Indiana State Prison Record for Benjamin Shepherd



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DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF THE CONVICTS IN THE

NAMES	OCCUPATION	COUNTY WHERE CONVICTED	CRIME	TERM	WHEN RECEIVED	WHEN AND HOW DISCHARGED
Wm Prather	Laborer.	Crawford	G Larceny	2 year	April 7 1859	Transfered to Northern Prison by order Gov Willard May 15 1865
Benjamin Shepherd	Cooper	Jefferson	G Larceny	2 year	April 1st 1859	Discharged by Expiration Sentence April 1. 1861.

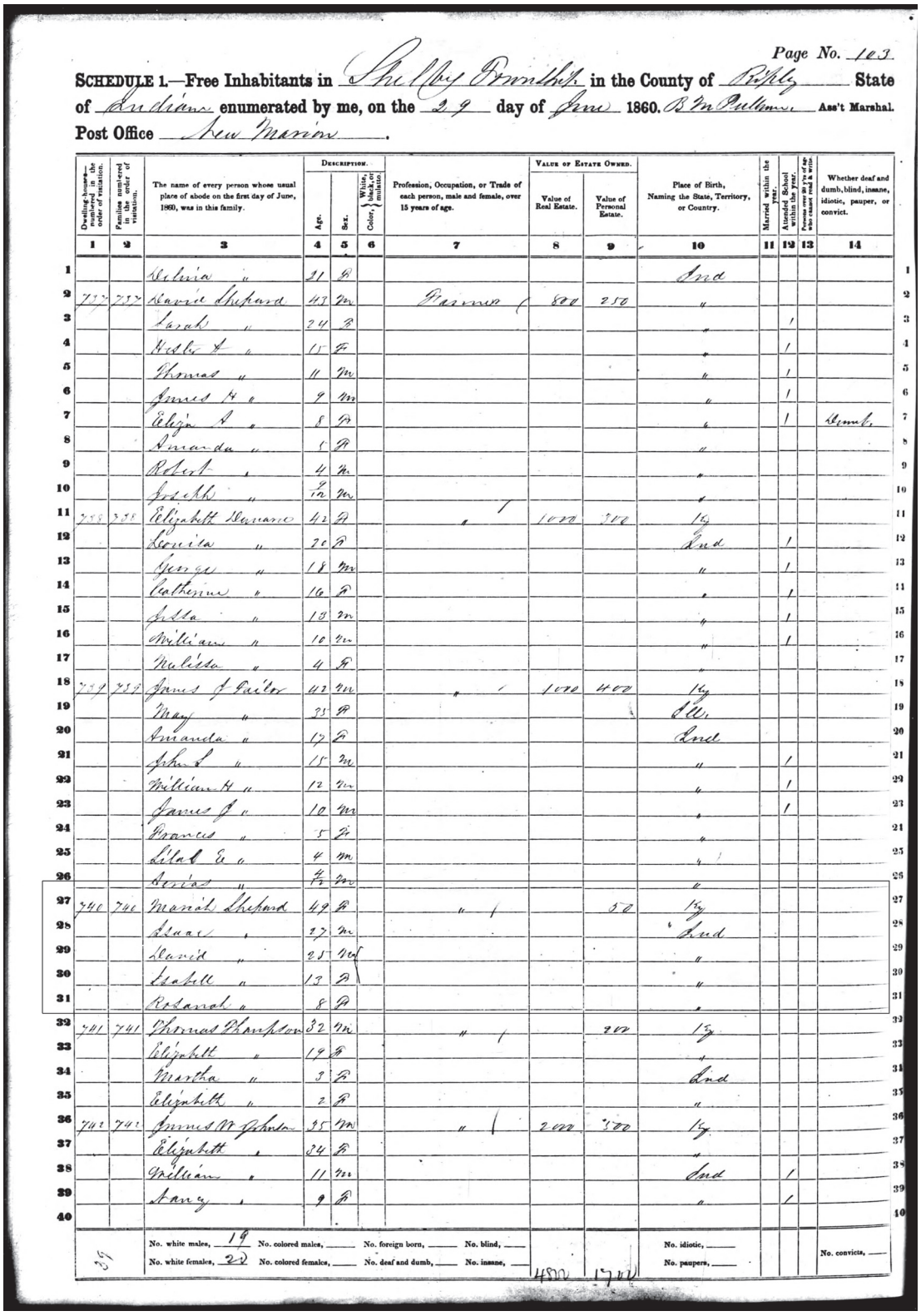
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STATE PRISON OF INDIANA, AT JEFFERSONVILLE.

AGE	HEIGHT feet | inches	COMPLEXION	EYES	HAIR	NATIVITY	FORMER CHAR'CTER	REMARKS
31	6 ft.	Dark	Blue.	Brown & Grey	Indiana	Moderate	Small scar on left eye. scar on left side upper lip. small scar. fore finger left hand. scar on left arm just above the elbow. scar on fore finger left hand. Single – never attended Sunday school No Education – Brother to the others –
50	5 ft 5 3/4	Fair	Blue	Brown	Ky	Intemperate	Small scar over right eye – Wife & 10 children near Madison. (in Big Creek twp.) Ind. James & John brothers Putnam Co. Ind. Attended Sunday school read only.

Figure 6.8

1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Shelby Township in the County of Ripley State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 29 day of June 1860. B M Pullman Ass't Marshal.

Post Office New Marion.

Dwelling houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 y'rs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Celia "	21	F					Ind				
737	737	Daniel Shepard	43	M		Farmer	800	250	"				
		Sarah "	24	F					"		1		
		Hester A "	15	F					"		1		
		Thomas "	11	M					"		1		
		James H "	9	M					"		1		
		Eliza A "	8	F					"		1		Dumb.
		Amanda "	6	F					"				
		Robert "	4	M					"				
		Josiah "	2	M					"				
738	738	Elizabeth Romans	42	F		"	1000	300	Ky				
		Loretta "	20	F					Ind		1		
		George "	18	M					"		1		
		Catherine "	16	F					"		1		
		Silas "	13	M					"		1		
		William "	10	M					"		1		
		Melissa "	4	F					"				
739	739	James J Parker	42	M		"	1000	400	Ky				
		Mary "	23	F					Ill.				
		Amanda "	17	F					Ind				
		John L "	15	M					"		1		
		William H "	12	M					"		1		
		James J "	10	M					"		1		
		Frances "	5	F					"				
		Lilah E "	4	M					"				
		Silas "	1/2	M					"				
740	740	Mariah Shepard	49	F		"		50	Ky				
		Isaac "	27	M					Ind				
		David "	25	M					"				
		Isabell "	13	F					"				
		Rosanah "	8	F					"				
741	741	Thomas Thompson	32	M		"		200	Ky				
		Elizabeth "	19	F					"				
		Martha "	3	F					Ind				
		Elizabeth "	2	F					"				
742	742	James W Johnson	35	M		"	200	500	Ky				
		Elizabeth "	34	F					"				
		William "	11	M					Ind		1		
		Nancy "	9	F					"		1		

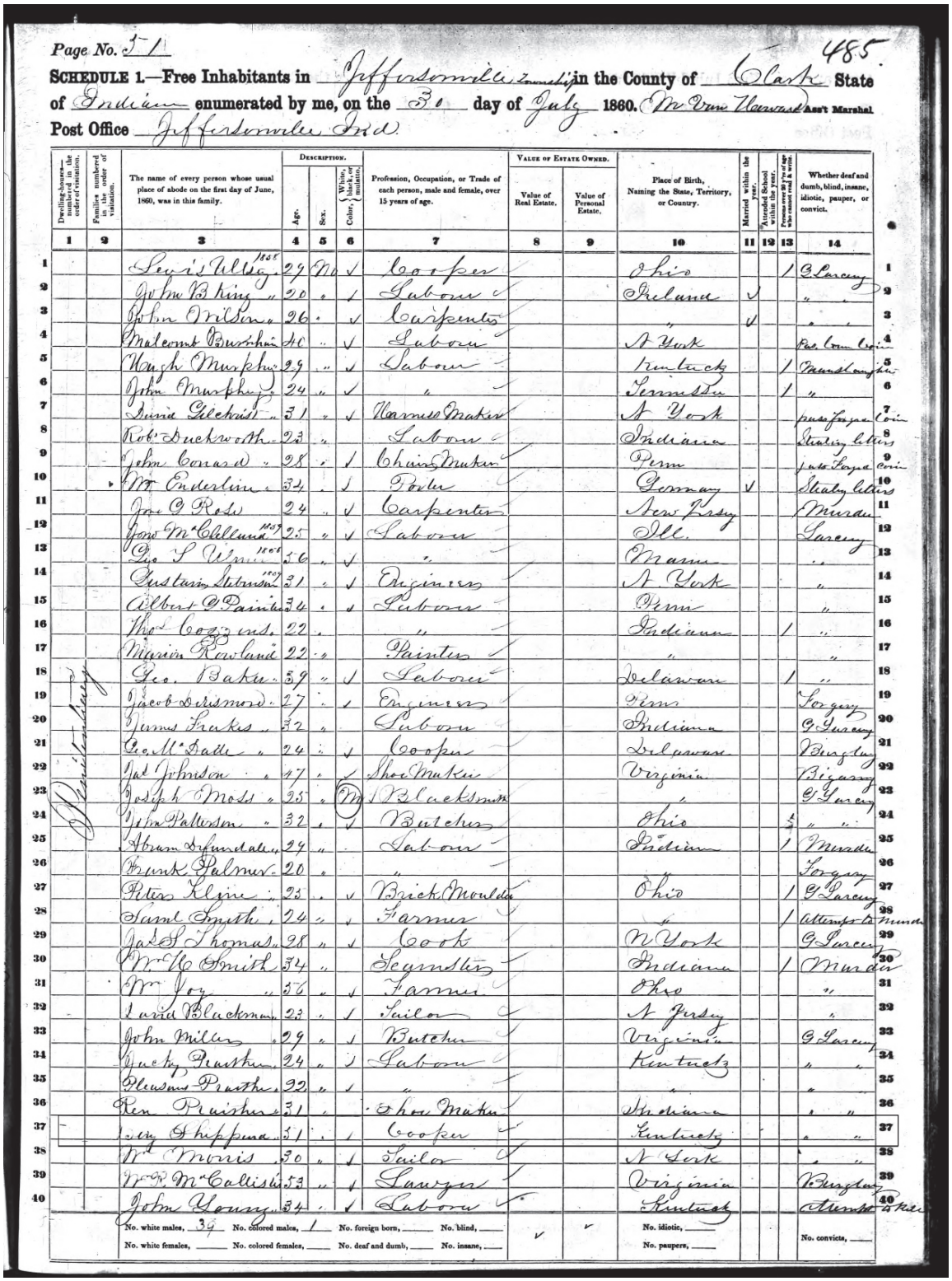
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No. white females, 22 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____
No. idiotic, ____
No. paupers, ____
No. convicts, ____

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Figure 6.9

1860 United States Federal Census – Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Jeffersonville Township in the County of Clark State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 30 day of July 1860. M. Vrom Vanvrad Ass't Marshal

Post Office Jeffersonville Ind.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1		Lewis Ulsa 1856	24	M	W	Cooper			Ohio			1	G Larceny
2		John B King "	20	"	W	Labour			Ireland	S			" "
3		John Wilson "	26	"	W	Carpenter			"	M			" "
4		Malcomb Burkhart	40	"	W	Labour			N York				Pet Com Lar
5		Hugh Murphy	29	"	W	Labour			Kentucky			1	Manslaughter
6		John Murphy	24	"	W	"			Tennessee			1	"
7		Lewis Gilchrist	31	"	W	Harness Maker			N York				pass forged Coin
8		Rob Duckworth	23	"		Labour			Indiana				Stealing Letters
9		John Conrad "	28	"	W	Chair Maker			Penn				pass forged Coin
10		Wm Enderline	34	"	W	Porter			Germany	M			Stealing Letters
11		Jos G Ross	24	"	W	Carpenter			New Jersey				Murder
12		Jno McCallum 1857	25	"	W	Labour			Ill				Larceny
13		Geo L Ulmis 1858	26	"	W	"			Miami				"
14		Gustavus Stevenson 1859	31	"	W	Engineer			N York				"
15		Albert G Painter	34	"	W	Labour			Penn				"
16		Thos Cozine	22	"		"			Indiana			1	"
17		Marion Rowland	22	"		Painter			"				"
18		Geo Baker	39	"	W	Labour			Delaware			1	"
19		Jacob Grismore	27	"	W	Engineer			Penn				Forgery
20		James Sykes "	32	"		Labour			Indiana				G Larceny
21		Geo McDade "	24	"	W	Cooper			Delaware				Burglary
22		Jas Johnson "	47	"	W	Shoe Maker			Virginia				Bigamy
23		Joseph Moss "	35	"	M	W Blacksmith			"				G Larceny
24		John Patterson "	32	"	W	Butcher			Ohio			1	" "
25		Abram Arundale "	24	"		Labour			Indiana			1	Murder
26		Frank Palmer	20	"		"							Forgery
27		Peter Kline "	23	"	W	Brick Moulder			Ohio			1	G Larceny
28		Saml Smyth "	24	"	W	Farmer			"			1	Attempt to Murder
29		Jas S Thomas	28	"	W	Cook			N York				G Larceny
30		Wm C Smith	34	"		Segmaker			Indiana			1	Murder
31		Wm Joy "	56	"	W	Farmer			Ohio				"
32		David Blackman	23	"	W	Sailor			N Jersey				"
33		John Miller "	29	"	W	Butcher			Virginia				G Larceny
34		Lucky Prather	24	"	W	Labour			Kentucky				" "
35		Hewson Prather	22	"	W	"			"				"
36		Ren Prather	31	"	W	Shoe Maker			Indiana				" "
37		Jerry Shippman	51	"	W	Cooper			Kentucky				" "
38		Wm Morris	30	"	W	Sailor			N York				" "
39		Wm P McCallister	53	"	W	Lawyer			Virginia				Burglary
40		John Young	34	"	W	Labour			Kentucky				Murder & Rape

No. white males, 34 No. colored males, 1 No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____

No. white females, ____ No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____

No. idiotic, ____

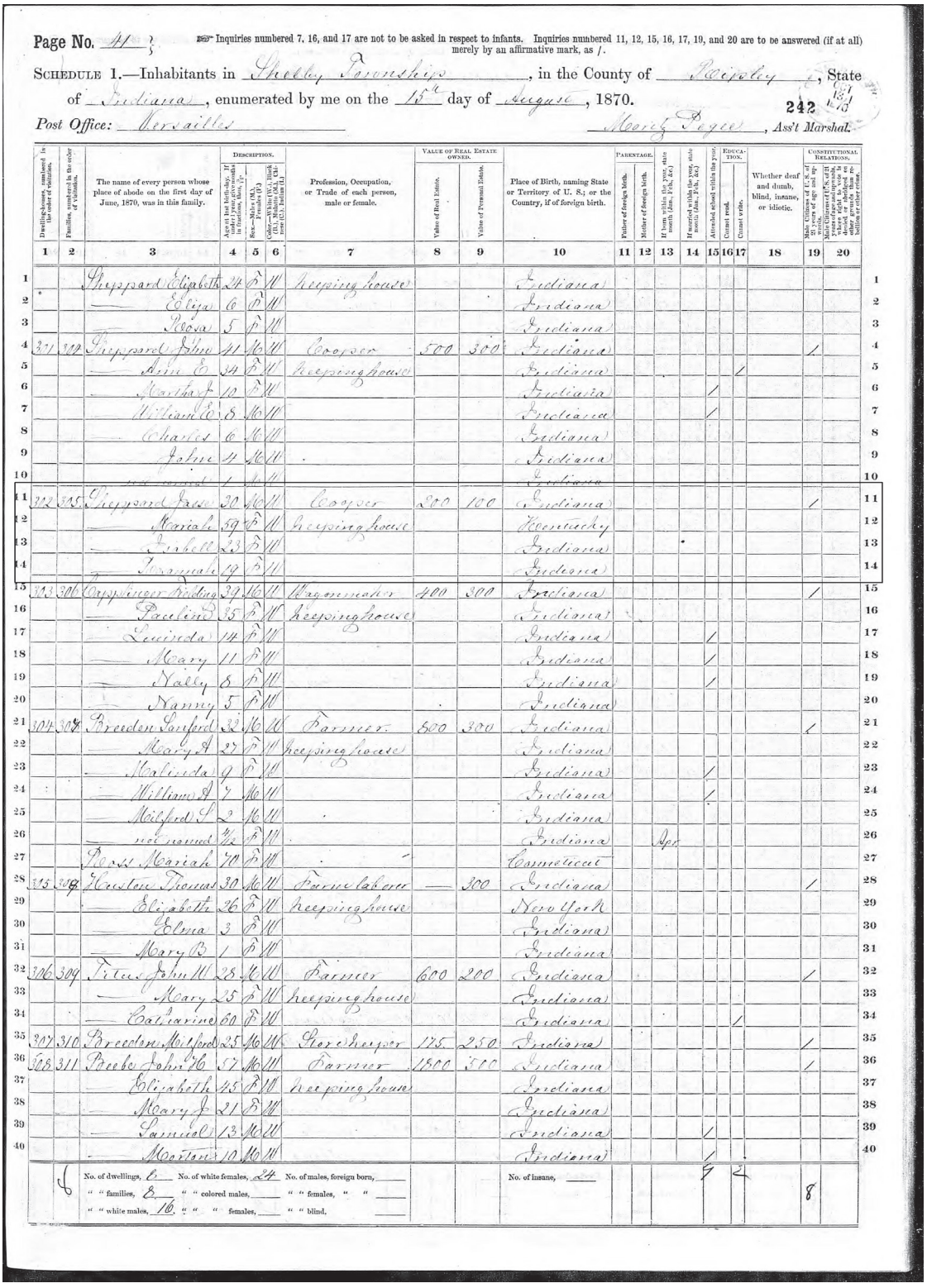
No. paupers, ____

No. convicts, ____

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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Ripley, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 15th day of August, 1870.

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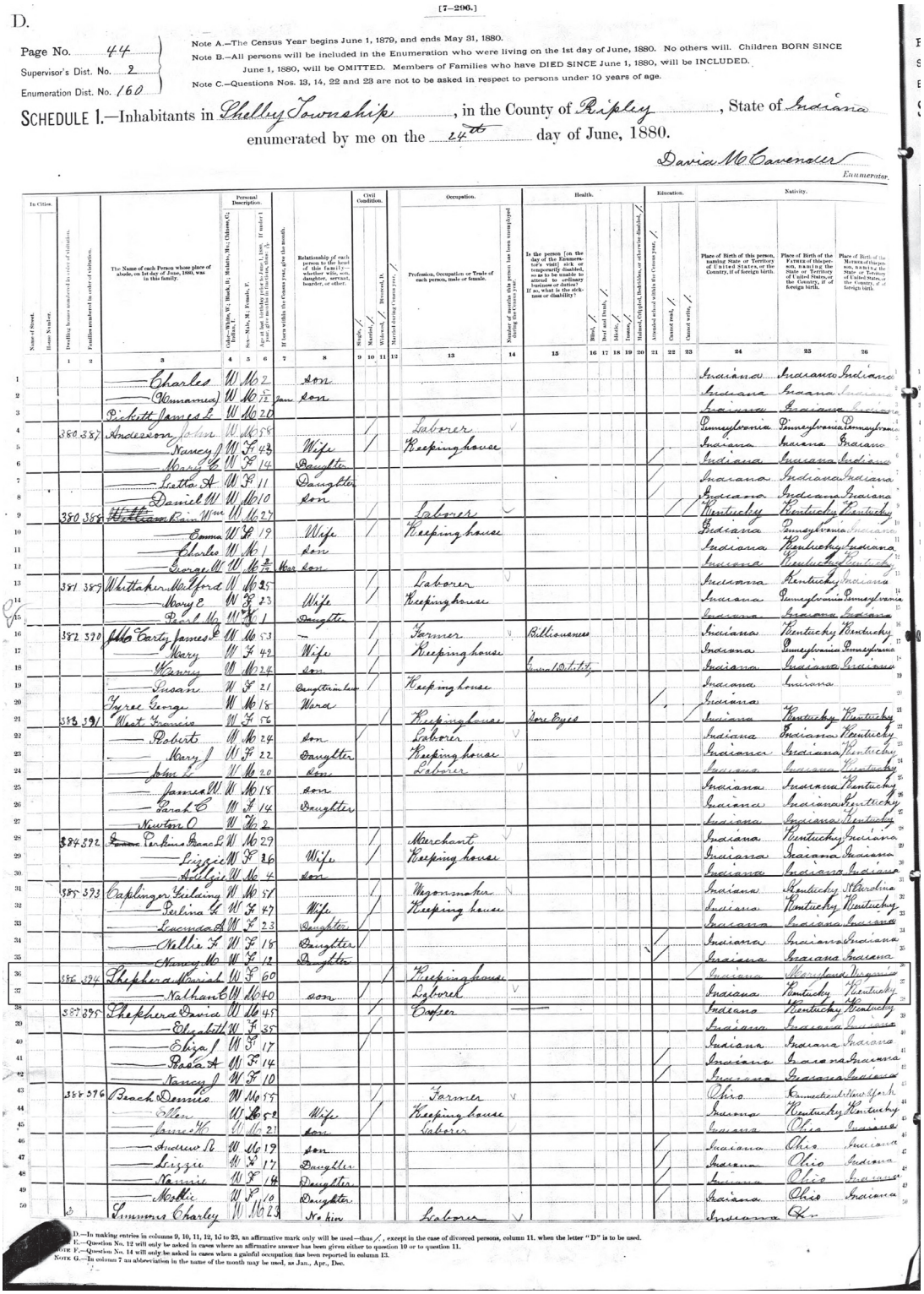
Post Office: Versailles — Henry Joyce, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus, 6/12.	Description: Sex—Males (M.) Females (F.)	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state months (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied, or abridged on any other ground than participation in rebellion or other crime.	Male Citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Sheppard Elizabeth	34	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana										
*		Eliza	6	F	W				Indiana										
		Rosa	5	F	W				Indiana										
371	342	Sheppard John	41	M	W	Cooper	500	300	Indiana									1	
		Ann E	34	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana							1			
		Martha J	10	F	W				Indiana					1					
		William E	8	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Charles	6	M	W				Indiana										
		John	4	M	W				Indiana										
		[illegible]	1	M	W				Indiana										
372	343	Sheppard Jesse	30	M	W	Cooper	800	100	Indiana									1	
		Mariah	39	F	W	Keeping house			Kentucky										
		Isabell	23	F	W				Indiana										
		Hannah	19	F	W				Indiana										
373	344	Oppsinger Reuben	39	M	W	Wagonmaker	400	300	Indiana									1	
		Pauline D	35	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana										
		Louinda	14	F	W				Indiana					1					
		Mary	11	F	W				Indiana					1					
		Nally	8	F	W				Indiana					1					
		Nanny	5	F	W				Indiana										
374	345	Breeden Sanford	33	M	W	Farmer	500	300	Indiana									1	
		Mary A	27	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana										
		Malinda	9	F	W				Indiana					1					
		William A	7	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Milford L	2	M	W				Indiana										
		not named	1/12	F	W				Indiana			Apr							
		Ross Mariah	70	F	W				Connecticut										
375	346	Hanlon Thomas	30	M	W	Farm laborer	—	300	Indiana									1	
		Elizabeth	26	F	W	Keeping house			New York										
		Elena	3	F	W				Indiana										
		Mary B	1	F	W				Indiana										
376	347	Titus John W	28	M	W	Farmer	600	200	Indiana									1	
		Mary	25	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana										
		Catharine	60	F	W				Indiana							1			
377	348	Breeden Milford	25	M	W	Store keeper	175	250	Indiana									1	
378	349	Beebe John M	57	M	W	Farmer	1800	500	Indiana									1	
		Elizabeth	45	F	W	Keeping house			Indiana										
		Mary J	21	F	W				Indiana										
		Samuel	13	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Mortimer	10	M	W				Indiana					1					
	6	No. of dwellings, 6 — No. of families, 8 — No. of white males, 16 — No. of white females, 24 — No. of colored males, — — No. of colored females, — — No. of males, foreign born, — — No. of females, " " — — No. of blind, — — No. of insane, —												9	2			8	

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Figure 6.11

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Enumeration Dist. No. 160

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Ripley, State of Indiana enumerated by me on the 24th day of June, 1880.

Davis M. Cavender
Enumerator.

In Cities. Name of Street.	Dwelling-houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months of age, as 6/12.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. Single. Married. Widowed. Divorced. Married during Census year.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind. Deaf and Dumb. Idiotic. Insane. Maimed, Crippled, Deformities, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year. Cannot read. Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10 11 12	13	14	15	16 17 18 19 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1			Charles	W	M	2		son									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
2			Nemanuel	W	M	12/12	Jan	son									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
3			Pickett James L	W	M	20											Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
4	380	387	Anderson John	W	M	58			/	Laborer							Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
5			Nancy J	W	F	43		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
6			Mary E	W	F	14		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
7			Letta A	W	F	11		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
8			Daniel W	W	M	10		son									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
9	380	388	Rains Wm	W	M	27			/	Laborer							Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
10			Emma	W	F	19		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Pennsylvania	Indiana
11			Charles	W	M	1		son									Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
12			George W	W	M	2/12	Mar	son									Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
13	381	389	Whittaker Milford	W	M	25			/	Laborer							Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
14			Mary E	W	F	23		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
15			Pearl M	W	F	1		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
16	382	390	Carty James L	W	M	53			/	Farmer		Billionaires					Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
17			Mary	W	F	42		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
18			Nancy	W	M	24		son	/			Cannot Work					Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
19			Susan	W	F	21		Daughter in law	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Indiana	
20			Tyree George	W	M	18		Nona	/								Indiana		
21	383	391	West Francis	W	F	56			/	Keeping house		Sore Eyes					Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
22			Robert	W	M	24		son	/	Laborer							Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
23			Mary J	W	F	22		Daughter	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
24			John L	W	M	20		son	/	Laborer							Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
25			James W	W	M	18		son									Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
26			Sarah C	W	F	14		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
27			Newton O	W	M	2											Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
28	384	392	Perkins Francis L	W	M	29			/	Merchant							Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
29			Lizzie	W	F	26		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
30			Adolph	W	M	4		son									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
31	385	393	Caplinger Yelsing	W	M	56			/	Wagonmaker							Indiana	Kentucky	N Carolina
32			Perlina L	W	F	47		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
33			Lucinda A	W	F	23		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
34			Nellie F	W	F	18		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
35			Nancy M	W	F	12		Daughter									Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
36	386	394	Shepherd Enoch	W	M	60			/ /	Keeping house							Indiana	Maryland	Virginia
37			Nathan C	W	M	40		son	/	Laborer							Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
38	387	395	Shepherd David	W	M	45			/	Cooper							Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
39			Elizabeth	W	F	35			/								Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
40			Eliza J	W	F	17											Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
41			Rosa A	W	F	14											Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
42			Nancy J	W	F	10											Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
43	388	396	Beach Dennis	W	M	55			/	Farmer							Ohio	Connecticut	New York
44			Ellen	W	F	52		Wife	/	Keeping house							Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
45			James W	W	M	21		son	/	Laborer							Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
46			Andrew R	W	M	19		son									Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
47			Lizzie	W	F	17		Daughter									Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
48			Nannie	W	F	14		Daughter									Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
49			Mollie	W	F	10		Daughter									Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
50			Simmons Charley	W	M	23		Nephew		Laborer							Indiana	Ky.	

D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
NOTE F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
NOTE G.—In column 7 no abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Appendix 6.1

Shepherd Family Records

Received 10 Oct 2020 from Barbara Carrier of Cincinnati, Ohio. She obtained the images on 9 Oct 2020 from the Shepherd Family file at the Ripley County, Indiana Historical Society, 125 N. Washington Street, Versailles, Indiana.

10/11/2020

Subject: Shepherd Family
From: "Barbara Carrier" <[redacted]>
Sent: 10/10/2020 8:51:36 PM
To: trwxxa57@gmail.com;

Hi Jon!

I will email you the docs in a separate email. Just want to let you know a few things. They were only open for 3 hours so I had limited time to help you out, but I did pull a folder marked Shepherd family was was able to take some quick pics of some docs I thought you might be interested in. There were 4 Shepherd names in the folder that had commitment papers, Benjamin wasn't one. There was an Eva and I think a John, and I can't remember the other two names. I didn't get those because you didn't mention any other names. What I found most interesting is the info from a family bible that listed his date of death. That will be the first one in the in my next email, and the lady that provided the info also included some of her research. I also found a record of a deed in which Ben sold some property which I'll include.
Now that there's a date of death, I can search for a will. I just don't know when I'll be going back. My sister and I both do our family research together and we also go to the Indiana State Library a couple of times a year and they have been an excellent source for us. We live in Cincinnati so it's a far drive. I'm more than willing to check further for you if you don't have any luck with your inquires. I have also been lucky with Newspapers.com and Genealogybank.com locating notices of deaths,etc. but I don't remember which one for Ripley County.
The historical society's staff consists
of volunteers And they are all older folks. The man that was there Friday did say they have commitment docs for the insane asylum in boxes in the basement and he offered to check
those, so I gave him the info and my email address. He didn't give me any time period, so we'll see.

Hope I've been some help, I know how frustrating it can be when you know the info is out there "somewhere".

Let me know if the pics I send are clear enough for you. If not, I'll resend in a bigger size.

Barb
Sent from my iPhone

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Shepherd Family by Mrs Sarah Annie Shepherd and Walter Shepherd .

Benjamin Shepherd was born and died
He married Mariah Roberts Aug. 26, ,1828,who was born
and died Their children were:

1John Shepherd ,who was born July 17, 1829 and died He married Ann Black July 4, 1856 ,who was born 27 Nov 1834 and died 29 June 1909 Their children were:

2 Nancy Shepherd ,who was born Jan.6, 1831 and died She married Albert O. Warner ,who was born and died Their children were:

3 Isaac Shepherd ,who was born Feb.5, 1833 and died

4 David B. Shepherd ,who was born March 27, 1835 and died March 12, 1897. He married Elizabeth Benham ,who was born June 20, 1844 and died A. Their children were:

1 Rosa M. Shepherd ,who was born She married Samuel Krause Aug. 31, 1889 ,who was born

2 Olive Shepherd ,who was born She married Ira C. Shadday April 7, 1909, who was born

3 Mary B. Shepherd ,Who was born Sept.3, 1867 and died Sept.9, 1868

4 Eliza J. Shepherd ,who was born March 13, 1863 and died Nov.24, 1884.

5 William P. Shepherd ,who was born July 4, 1837 and died Nov.30, 1918 . He married Martha A. Kelly April 24, 1860 who was born

6 Nathan Chesley Shepherd ,who was born Sept.5, 1839 and died Nov. 30, 1919. He married Sarah Black Dec.24, 1885 ,who was born Dec.11, 1853 and died Sept. 13, 1930 .Their children were:

1 Elmer Shepherd ,who was born May 7, 1887 and died at the King's Daughters Hospital at Madison, Ind. Nov.25, 1936 ,as the result of injuries received when he fell from a wagon on his farm at Rexville, Ind. He married Sarah Annie Bodine APRIL 12,, 1916 , who was born Aug. 13, 1888.No children.

2 Walter Shepherd ,who was born May 20, 1890 .He married Harriet Tunks, who was born Aug. 23, 1895 . No children .

7 Edward M. Shepherd ,who was born Feb.6, 1842 and died

8 Mary J. Shepherd ,who was born May 18, 1845 and died She married Henry C. Kiser Oct. 3, 1865 ,who was born and died

9 Isabella Shepherd ,who was born and died After her sister Mary's death she married her brother-in-law Henry C. Kiser.

10 Rosanna Shepherd ,who was born Aug. 3, 1851 and died She married James Marion Noyes Nov.11, 1873, who was born 1850 and died 1890 . Their children were:

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Shelby Township

	Name	Sex	Age	Birthplace	
#452	Shepherd, Nathan	M	9	Indiana	living with Thomas Wise
	" Edward	M	8	"	" " James Herin
#456					
	Shepherd, Benjamin	M	40	Kentucky	
	" *Hannah	F	39	"	
	" Isacic	M	17	"	(Cooper by trade)
	" Mary Jane	F	5	Indiana	
	" Isabelle	F	3	"	

*should be Mariah. She was alive until 1884.

Ripley County Marriage Records:
Benjamin Shepherd married Miriah Roberts-- 8-28-1828.
Family Bible owned by Walter M. Shepherd had these records:

		Born	Died
*Benjamin Shepherd		no date *Benjamine	Oct. 4, 1863
Mariah	"	Mar. 11, 1811	July 1884

They had ten children: John, Nancy, Aijack, (Isaac) David B., William Pleasant, Nathan Chesley, Edward Mathew, Mary Jane, Isabelle, Rosannah.
Some birth, marriage, and death dates are shown in the bible.
Page numbers shown below are for ones listed in Ripley County Marriage Record Book.

		Born	Married	M. Date	Died
#53	John Shepherd	July 8, 1829	Elizabeth Ann Black	7-4-1856	(J.) 11-28-1898
	Nancy "		Albert Otis Warner	11-24-1899	
#68	David "	Mar. 27, 1835	Elizabeth Benham	4-4-1862	(D.) 3-2-1897
	Isaac "	Contracted measles (Civil War)			(I.) 9-2-1861
	Edward M. "	Killed in Civil War			(E.) 11-?-1863

#63	William Pleasant	Shepherd	Martha A. Kelley	4-24-1860	
#133	Nathan Chesley	"	Sarah E. Black	12-24-1885	(N.) 11-30-1918
#77	Mary Jane	"	Henry Kiser	10-3-1865	
#105	Isabelle	"	" "	4-12-1875	
#94	Rosa A.	"	James M. Noyes	11-11-1870	

Many Black family records are in the Bible too, since it must have been Nathan and Sarah's. Sarah Black was a daughter of Hugh and Lucinda Black. They came from ~~Maryland~~ Ind and the 1850 census shows. Hugh was 22, and a laborer, Lucinda was 21. Most of the other Black families came from Kentucky. (This was in 1850 or at least that was all Harold Dearth located on microfilm.)

Walter M. Shepherd is, as this is written, in the late eighties. He is the son of Nathan and Sarah Shepherd. He can give no information about these records except to verify their existance. Microfilm can be found and the marriage dates verified by the Quoted source.

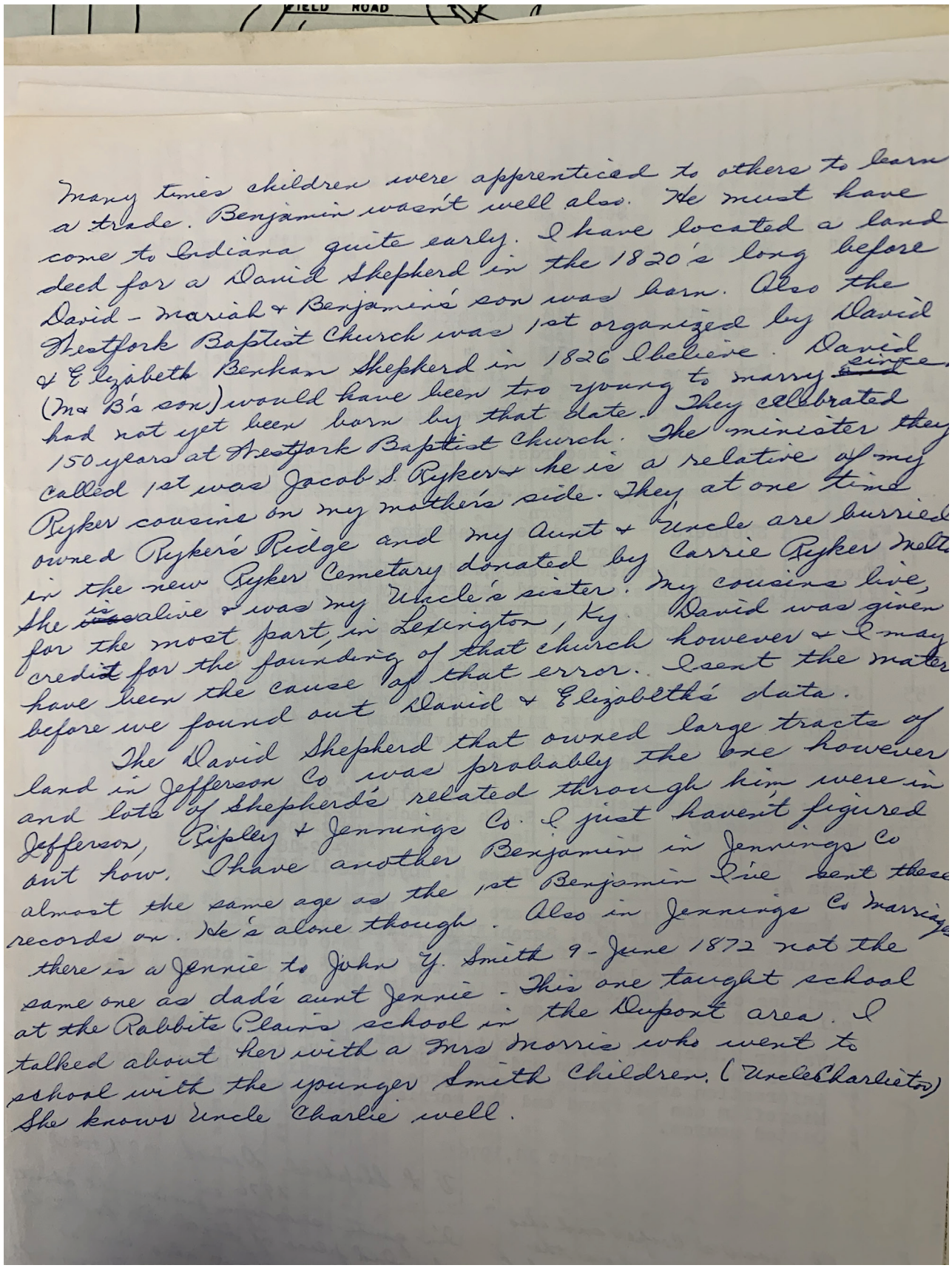
August 18, 1976

V. L. Shepherd Dearth (over)

1976

I'm quite sure you were right about the 2nd place of birth. It had to be. Hannah must have also been a sloppy Mariah or Miriah. It was often spelled Miriah too so that also would account for it.

John was a Cooper and also taught my grandpa the trade apparently. My dad said grandpa was a fast Cooper and made more than most.



many times children were apprenticed to others to learn a trade. Benjamin wasn't well also. He must have come to Indiana quite early. I have located a land deed for a David Shepherd in the 1820's long before David - Mariah + Benjamin's son was born. Also the Westfork Baptist Church was 1st organized by David & Elizabeth Benham Shepherd in 1826 I believe. David (M+ B's son) would have been too young to marry since had not yet been born by that date. They celebrated 150 years at Westfork Baptist Church. The minister they called 1st was Jacob S. Ryker + he is a relative of my Ryker cousins on my mother's side. They at one time owned Ryker's Ridge and my Aunt + Uncle are buried in the new Ryker Cemetary donated by Carrie Ryker Nelle She ~~is~~ alive + was my Uncle's sister. My cousins live for the most part in Lexington, Ky. David was given credit for the founding of that church however + I may have been the cause of that error. I sent the mater before we found out David + Elizabeth's data.

The David Shepherd that owned large tracts of land in Jefferson Co was probably the one however and lots of Shepherds related through him were in Jefferson, Ripley + Jennings Co. I just haven't figured out how. I have another Benjamin in Jennings Co almost the same age as the 1st Benjamin I've sent these records on. He's alone though. Also in Jennings Co marriages there is a Jennie to John Y. Smith 9-June 1872 not the same one as dad's aunt Jennie. This one taught school at the Rabbits Plains school in the Dupont area. I talked about her with a Mrs Morris who went to school with the younger Smith children. (Uncle Charleston) She knows Uncle Charlie well.

From Jefferson Co. Marriages-- 1811-1831--

Shepherd,	Elizabeth	John Campbell	25jul1824
	Hesse	Rebecca Eblin	25oct1827
	William	Jane McClelland	8jan1818

Ripley Co. Marriages-or Licence date. If marriage M

Shepherd,	Benjamin	Mariah Roberts	26aug1828 M
	Catherine	James Davis	24mar1822 M
	Harriet	Solomon Robinson	9mar1828 M
	Henry	Rachel Moger	5dec1840
	Malinda	Henry S. Frauhta	9apr1852
	Martha	Andrew Livingston	8nov1851
	Mary Jane	George W. Livingston	24jan1855
	Minerva Jane	Joseph Kinnett	20may1848
	Nelson	Miranda Jones	11sep1843
	William	Nancy Buchanan	18nov1834 M
	William B.	Nancy Willson	13mar1854
	Zenis	Catherine Smith	29oct1820
	Merit	Mary Ann Lewis	20mar1841
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	Amanda	John F. Adkin	22aug1872
	Charles R.	Flora B. Sailor	26may1892 M
	David	Elizabeth Benham	4apr1862
	Della M.	John R. Reed	12sep1903
	Eliza E.	Thomas W. White	14jan1874
	Elizabeth	John A. Rea	26jan1867
	Ellen L.	Theodore Hess	26apr1864
	Elza	Martha Larrabee	27feb1895 M
	Elzey	Eliza McMillan	24apr1860
	Emma	Samuel J. Barkley	7oct1899
	Emma F.	John S. Shreve	4oct1881
	Ester Ann	John W. Herring	19jan1865
	Henry	Olive Fuller	19feb1879
	Isabell	Henry C. Keiser	12apr1875
	Jennie	John Montgomery	21dec1899 M
	John	Ann Black	4jul1856
	Lizzie	James Vanosdol	23oct1880
	Mary E.	Orlando Stearns	1aug1878
	John	Julia Shonk	6dec1892 M
	Charles E.	Prudence A. Tyson	11nov1868
Heitmeyer,	Caroline	John F. Cramer	20oct1889 M
	Daniel F.	Bertha Beall	19oct1901
	Elsie Lizzie	George W. Livingston	7jul1889 M
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	John F.	Katie C. Jarvis	1sep1897 M
	Lena	Elmer Livingston	1sep1895 M
	Henry F.	Emma Pate	29dec1897 M
	######		
Connell,	Benjamin S.	Miriam Hodges	5dec1838
	Clarissa	William L. Cole	24jul1855
	James H.	Rebecca Dearborn	6aug1829 M
	James H.	Elizabeth Green	30may1837
	Joseph	Mahala Hodges	30sep1835 ?
	Mary Ann	Wilford Allen	22jul1832 M
	Prudence	George Livingston	3feb1825 M
	William C.	Maria M. Schultz	1nov1850
	William L.	Polly Brown	2jun1825 M
	William L.	Elizabeth G. (Drum) Hardenbrooke	30jul1835 ?

These with ? say not returned, meaning a license was bought

Deed Bk G
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This Indenture made and Entered into this twenty first day of March A.D. 1848. by and between Benjamin Shepherd of the County of Jefferson and State of Indiana of the first part, and David Shepherd, of the County of Ripley & State aforesaid, of the second part. Witnesseth that the said Benjamin Shepherd for and in consideration of the Sum of Twenty Dollars. to him in hand paid by the said David Shepherd of the 2nd part. has sold. granted, bargained, released, conveyed and confirmed. and does hereby Sell, grant, bargain grant, release. convey, confirm, and forever Quit Claim unto the said David Shepherd, all his right, title, Interest, claim, and demand in and the following real Estate situate in Ripley County Indiana, & Described as follows to wit! the west half of the South west Quarter of Section No 29, Town No 6 North of Range No 11 East containing forty Eight acres More or less. also all his the said Benjamin's Claim to any and all parts of the Estate of Dayed Shepherd deceased, of whom he is one of the heirs at law. Either Real, personal, or Mixed or any part thereof, to receive, have and to hold unto the said David Shepherd, all and singular the Estate aforesaid together with rents, Issues, and profits thereof: as fully as before this Deed, the said Benjamin Shepherd have received, had, and held the same, and unto his heirs and assigns forever. and said Benjamin does hereby Covenant and agree to and with said David Shepherd that he will warrant and defend said premises unto the said David his heirs and assigns forever, against all persons claiming under him or them or any of them. In Testimony whereof, the said Benjamin Shepherd has hereunto set his hand and Seal. this 24th day of March A.D. 1848.

Benjamin his ✕ mark Shepherd (Seal)

S. W. Gordon

State of Indiana Ripley County. ss Be it Remembered that on the 24th day of March 1848 the above named Benjamin Shepherd the above named grantor came Personally before Me. [illegible] Gordon a Notary Public of said County, and acknowledged that he signed, Sealed and delivered the above Deed of conveyance for the purposes therein Specified, and as his voluntary act and deed. Given under my hand and Notarial seal the 24th day of March A.D. 1848.

Recorded March 28th 1848. S. W. Gordon N. P. R. C.

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Know all men. that I John Shepherd of the County of Montgomery and State of Indiana. for my=self and James M. Hall, Joseph and Julia Ann Phillips. James Shepherd and Allen M. Shepherd heirs at law. of David Shepherd Deceased. late of Ripley County and State of Indiana. in consideration of the sum of One hundred Dollars in hand paid by David Shepherd have for Myself. bargained, sold. conveyed. and do confirmed. and do by these Presents Bargain, sell convey and confirm. unto the said David Shepherd his heirs and assigns forever all My right, title Interest, and Demand. in and to the following Real Estate. hereinafter described and also to all the Personal Estate, of which David Shepherd deceased died seized or possessed. and for the said James M. Hall, Joseph Phillips. Julia Ann Phillips. James Shepherd and Allen Shepherd, heirs as aforesaid, as their at=orney in fact as appears by the following Powers. of Attorney, to wit. Know all men by these presents that I James M. Hall. of the County of Henry and State of Kentucky, Nominated. constituted and ap=pointed. My friend John M Shepherd of the County of Montgomery and State of Indiana, My true and lawfull attorney for me and in My name to sell and receive and convey, on land that I may be Interested in. in the State of Indiana, or otherwise dispose for such price or sums of Money, and to such person or persons as he shall think fit or convenient. and also. for me and in. My name, and as My act and deed. to sign seal. Execute, and deliver such Deed and conveyance. for the sale and disposal thereof, or any part thereof, with such clauses. covan=ants and agreements, to be therein contained. as My said attorney, shall think fit and Expedient, and also ask, demand and receive from the Estate of David Shepherd all sums of Money coming to me. and take all other Steps for the Recovery and recieving of all property whatever, kind or discription which is coming from said Estate, whether real, personal or mixed. hereby Ratifying and confirming all such Deeds. conveyances bargains, & sales which shall at any time hereafter be Made by My said attorney touching or concerning said premises. Given under My hand and seal. this 20th day of May 1847.

James M. Hall (Seal)

Receipts for purchase Money, agreements for Deeds as shall be made, Executed or acknowledged by my said attorney the same as if we were personally present and did the same. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Dubuque Dubuque County and State of Iowa, this Eleventh day of October A.D. 1847.

Executed in the presence of Joseph Phillips (Seal)
E Macumber & Matthew L. Bevins Juliet Ann Phillips (Seal)

Dubuque County State of Iowa, Before me Egbert Macomber a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County personally appeared the above named Joseph P. Juliet Ann Phillips, who are personally known to me, to be the identical whose names are affixed to the above Instrument as parties thereto and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof, to be their voluntary act and deed, and the said Juliet Ann was examined apart from her husband acknowledged she Executed the same, voluntarily, and without undue influence of her said husband and that she is still satisfied therewith as witness my hands this 11th day of October A.D. 1847. Egbt. Macomber J.P.

State of Iowa Dubuque County. ss. I. S. P. Van Hagen Clerk of the District Court in and for the State and county aforesaid, do hereby certify that Egbert Macumber before whom the within & foregoing acknowledgments were taken whose name were subscribed to the certificate of said acknowledgement was at the time of its being taken an acting Justice of the peace within and for said County, duly Elected and Qualified, and that full faith and credit are due his official acts. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of said Court at office in the County of Dubuque, this 14th day of October 1847.

S. P. Van Hagen Clerk
Dub. County,

Know all Men, by these Presents that we James Shipherd and Ellen M. Shipherd the undersigned heirs of David Shipherd deceased late of Shipley County Indiana, have and do constitute, Nominate and appoint John M. Shipherd of Montgomery County Indiana, our true and lawful attorney, for us and in our name to sell, Receive, and Convey, all lands that we

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May be Interested in. the Estate of the above deceas
or otherwise Dispose of the same, for such price or
sums of Money, as he shall think fit, & convenient
and. also. for us and in our Names. and as our
act and Deed to Sign. Seal. Execute and deliver
such Deeds and Conveyances for the sale and dis
-posal. thereof, or any part thereof, with such
clauses, covenants and agreements to be therein
contained. as My said attorney shall think fit
and Expedient. and. also. ask. demand, and
receive from the Estate of the late Deceased Davi
Shepherd, all sums of Money, coming to us. and
take all other steps for the recovery and receiv
-ing of all property of whatever kind or descrip
-tion that is coming from said Estate, whether
Real, personal or mixed. hereby Ratifying and
Confirming all such Deeds, Conveyances, bar
-gains and Seals which at any time hereafter
be made by My said attorny touching or con cer
-ning the Premises. Given under our hands
and Seals this the [redacted] second day of January,
1848,
Witness
N. S. Thompson,
James Shepherd [Seal]
Allen M Shepherd [Seal]

State of Indiana Montgomery County ss
Personally Appeared Before Me Noah S Thompson
a Notary Public in and for said County, James
Shepherd, and Allen M. Shepherd and acknowl
edged that they signed sealed and Delivered the
above letter of attorney with their own free
will and accord, In Witness of which I Hen
-unto set My hand and Affixed My Notarial
Seal at Crawfordsville This 22, 1848,
Noah S Thompson [Seal]

2. the said John M. Shepherd attorny, &c. doth for
and in consideration of the same one hundred
Dollars aforesaid, to him paid, bargain, alien,
release, convey Confirm, and forever Quit claim
unto the said David Shepherd, all the right, title,
Interest, claim and Demand of the said James
Wm. Hall. Joseph Philips. Julia ann Philips
James Shepherd and allen M Shepherd. in and to
the Real Estate Joregowing. to wit. South half of the south
west Quarter of Section 29. Town 6. N. Range 11 East.
containing Forty Eight Acres more or less. And
Every part thereof, and in and to all the real

Personal and Mixed Estate, of the said David Shepherd
Deceased to which by the death of the said defendant
as heirs, they were and are entitled to collect have
and to hold the same, and all and every part and
parcel thereof and all rents & profits Spring thereout
unto the said David Shepherd his heirs and assigns
forever as fully and completely as the said John M.
Shepherd, and they the said James M. Hall, Joseph
Philips, Julia Ann Philips, James Shepherd & Allen
M. Shepherd might have collected, had, held and
enjoyed the same prior to this Deed, and the said
John M Shepherd for himself and his heirs and
assigns, and for the aforesaid James M. Hall, Joseph
Philips, Julia Ann Philips, James Shepherd and
Allen M. Shepherd their and each of their heirs
& assigns, agree and covenant to & with the said
David Shepherd that I, and they will forever warrant
and defend the rights & credits, goods and chattles,
lands & tenements herein granted, bargained & sold
or meant or intended so to be, unto the said David
Shepherd his heirs and assigns forever against all
persons lawfully claiming by from or under him them
or any of them. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto
for myself, and for my principles aforesaid, set
My hand and seal this 24th day of March 1848.

Test W. Gordon

John M Shepherd (Seal)
Who signs for himself and for
James M. Hall, Joseph Philips,
Julia Ann Philips James Shepherd
& Allen M Shepherd

State of Indiana
Ripley County ss.

Be it Remembered that on this day
to wit; the 24th day of March 1848. the above
named, John M. Shepherd came before me Loretta
W. Gordon Notary Public of said County and acknow-
-edged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing
deed unto the Grantee therein named for himself and for
the said James M. Hall, Joseph Philips, Julia Ann Philips
James Shepherd, and Allen Shepherd as their attorney
in fact as his voluntary act and deed for the
uses & purposes therein mentioned. In Testimony
whereof I hereunto set my hand Notarial seal at
Versailles March 24th 1848.

Seal W. Gordon N. P. R. C.

Recorded March 28th 1848.
Conrad Overturf R.R.C.

7. MARANDA (b. 31 Dec 1814; d. 23 Nov 1881)[1]



Undated photo purported to be Maranda Roberts.

Birth: abt. 31 Dec 1814 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: 19 Jun 1836 to David Harrison Blunk in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. 26 Oct 1811 in Henry County, Kentucky; d. 20 May 1902 in Granby, Newton County, Missouri).

- William M. Blunk
  - b. 19 Jun 1836 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 24 Mar 1859 to Mary L. Brown in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. abt. 1835 in Indiana; d. _____).
  - d. 14 Jun 1888 in Lamar, Barton County, Missouri.
- Rachel Blunk
  - b. 15 Apr 1839 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 22 Dec 1859 to James Stevenson Knox in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. 14 Jun 1831 in Switzerland County, Indiana; d. 1 May 1912 in Switzerland County, Indiana).
  - d. 17 Aug 1866 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
- John Roberts Blunk
  - b. 8 Nov 1840 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 14 Jun 1877 to Elizabeth Ann Green in Newton County, Missouri (b. 21 Oct 1850 in Northumberland, England; d. 19 Mar 1924 in Granby, Newton County, Missouri).
  - d. 25 Feb 1921 in Creek County, Oklahoma.
- Rosanna Blunk
  - b. 24 Sep 1842 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 24 Sep 1862 to William Stansil Cosby in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. 1843 in _____; d. 16 Jan 1921 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana).
  - d. 28 Feb 1864 in Indiana.
- Elizabeth Blunk
  - b. abt. 1845 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - d. _____.

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[1] Photograph source: "Miranda (Roberts) Blunk," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/83705163/person/290159241067/media/8243191c-eba9-4e2b-a2d1-8ae162190ef1?_phsrc=mie-615921&usePUBJs=true : accessed 8 Nov 2021). Caption on original: "Believed to be Miranda (Roberts) Blunk B--1814 D--1881 Married to David H Blunk." Originally shared by Ancestry.com member DavidAHorne on 20 Dec 2012. Per email exchange in Nov 2020, the photograph was in a collection sent to him by Robert Lee Blunk (1923-2017), David H. Blunk's 2x great grandson. Mr. Horne is married to Robert Lee Blunk's niece Kim Marie Blunk, a 3rd great granddaughter of Maranda (*Kim Marie Blunk > Wayne Forest Blunk > Walter Leroy Blunk > Ferdinand Adolphus Blunk > William M. Blunk > Maranda Roberts*[7]).

- Mary Jane Blunk
  - b. Dec 1846 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 20 Jul 1870 to William J. Orr in Montgomery County, Illinois (b. 1842 in Ireland; d. 15 Aug 1914 in Newton, Harvey County, Kansas).
  - d. 22 Aug 1921 in Newton, Harvey County, Kansas
- Sarah Francis Blunk
  - b. 5 May 1849 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 31 Mar 1870 to Ferdinand F. Gough in Montgomery County, Illinois (b. 15 Sep 1846 in Illinois; d. 23 Jan 1927 in Granby, Newton County, Missouri.
  - d. 14 Apr 1926 in Granby, Newton County, Missouri.
- David H. Blunk
  - b. 10 Jul 1850 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 5 Sep 1875 to Mary Elizabeth Ping in Newton County, Missouri (b. 23 Mar 1857 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky; d. 1 Nov 1948 in Stella, Newton County, Missouri).
  - d. 2 Sep 1898 in Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri.
- Winfield Scott Blunk
  - b. 25 Feb 1853 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m1. 4 Aug 1875 to Emma C. Puckett in Montgomery County, Illinois (b. abt. 1857 in Illinois; d. _____).
  - m2. 10 Jan 1887 to Martha Ellen Blunk in Stone County, Missouri (b. Apr 1865 in Iowa; d. 25 May 1929 in Treece, Cherokee County, Kansas).
  - d. 22 Jul 1919 in Granby, Newton County, Missouri.

Death: 23 Nov 1881, likely in Missouri.

Maranda was the sixth child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. One source places her birth as abt. 1812, while her headstone states she was 66 years, 10 months, 23 days old at death, placing her birth abt. 31 Dec 1814. Her birth was likely in Clark County, Kentucky as this is where her parents were married and, based upon the 1810 Clark County, Kentucky census, were living at the time.[2,3,4]

[2] See Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.
[3] Figure 7.1. Maranda (Roberts) Blunk[7] Headstone.
[4] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky. Family members reflected in the census are:
- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1819, Maranda's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Maranda enumerated as a female < 10 years old.[5,6]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

Maranda was an early member of the West Fork Baptist Church, having been received into church membership by experience on 24 Jan 1829.[7]

Her father, Edward[1], passed away bef. 3 May 1830, when Maranda would have been about 16 years old. During probate of Edward's estate, Maranda's brother, John[4], was appointed guardian of her younger brothers, Edward[9] and Elijah[10], but I have found no record appointing a guardian for Maranda. Presumably, she continued living with her mother, Rose.[8]

On 24 May 1834, Maranda received a Letter of Dismission from West Fork Baptist Church and on 19 Jun 1836, married David Harrison Blunk in Switzerland County, Indiana. Maranda apparently gave birth to their first child, William M. Blunk, on or about this same date. William's Find-a-Grave memorial identifies his date of birth as 19 Jun 1836, which is verified by his death record recording his date of death as 14 Jun 1888 at the age of 51 years, 11 months, 26 days.[9,10,11,12]

The 1840 Census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana shows the Blunk family had grown to four with the addition of Maranda's and David's first two children, William M. and Rachel. David worked in both agriculture and the mining industry.[13]

- White males < 5 – 1 (William M.)
- White males 20 to < 30 – (David)
- White females < 5 – 1 (Rachel)
- White females 20 to < 30 (Maranda[7])

The Blunk family remained in Switzerland County through at least the early 1860s, and expanded their family to nine children. David farmed his land during this period and seems to have been fairly wealthy as he valued his real estate at $4,000 in 1850, which had increased to $25,000

[5] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[6] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[7] Figure 7.2. West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda Roberts[7] Received into Membership.
[8] See Figure 1.19A. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Appointment of Guardian.
[9] Figure 7.3. West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda Roberts[7] Letter of Dismission.
[10] Figure 7.4. Maranda Roberts[7] & David Harrison Blunk Marriage Record.
[11] https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24906543/william-m.-blunk, accessed 7 Nov 2021.
[12] Figure 7.5. William M. Blunk Death Record.
[13] Figure 7.6. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.

by 1860. In 1862, David paid a federal tax of two dollars on a two-horse carriage he owned, and in 1863, he paid $140 in federal taxes on an income of $4,600 and his two-horse carriage.[14,15,16,17]

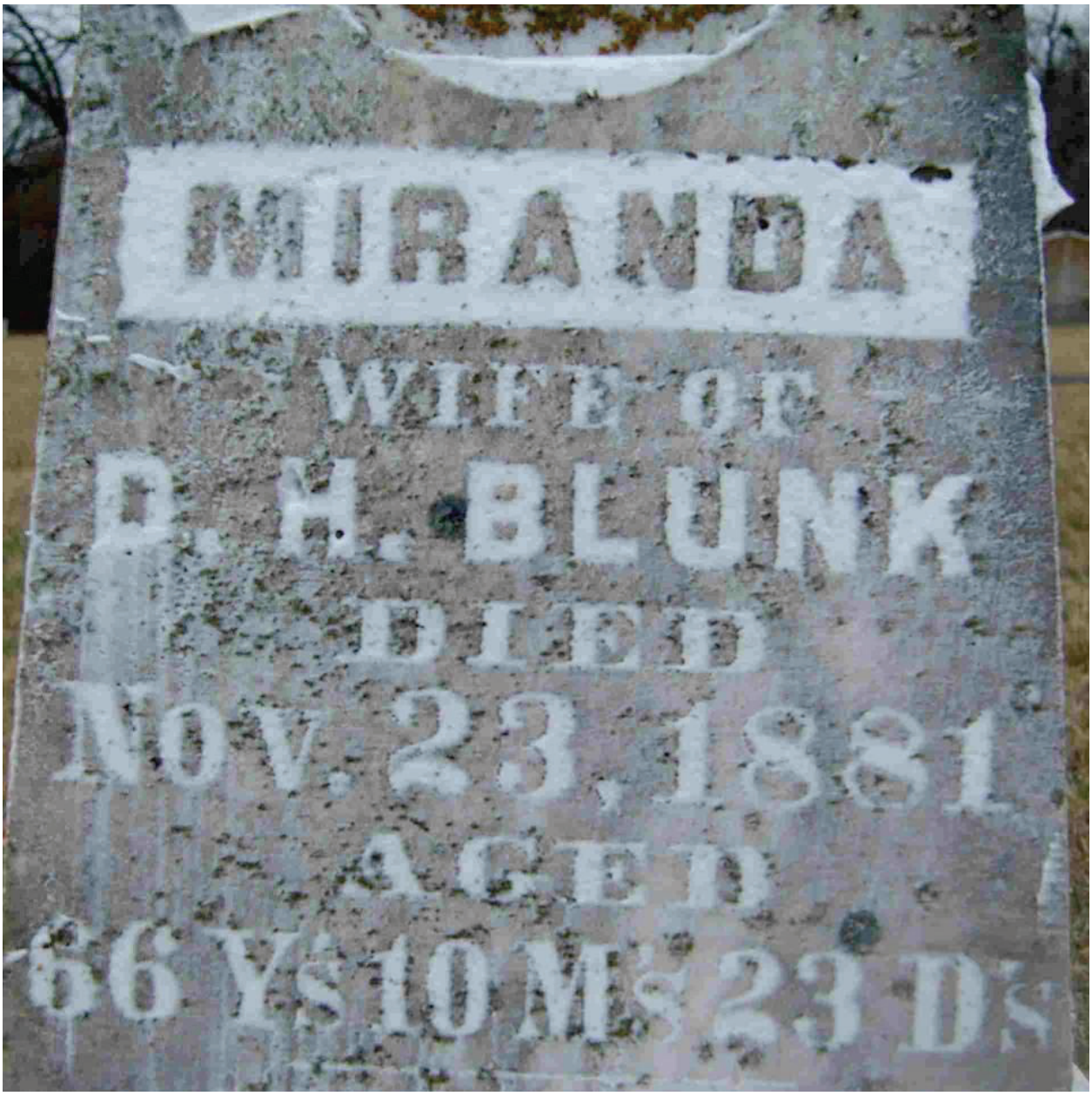
A document purported to be a transcript of David's obituary states that he had a wonderful business knowledge and was quite successful in his undertakings until the Civil War. He was apparently considered one of the wealthiest men in Switzerland County at that time, shipping produce south. After suffering losses, he then built a steamboat, named the *D. H. Blunk*, and shipped supplies to the army during the war. This has not been confirmed.[18]

The Blunk family migrated to Nokomis Township, Montgomery County, Illinois prior to 1870. According to David's purported obituary, the family then migrated to Williams Township, Stone County, Missouri in 1871, where they are found in the 1880 census. Maranda passed away 23 Nov 1881 and is buried in the New Salem Cemetery in Seligman, Barry County, Missouri. Her death was likely in Stone County, Missouri since this is where she and David were living for the 1880 census.[19,20,21]

[14] Figure 7.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Craig Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[15] Figure 7.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Craig Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[16] Figure 7.9. 1862 United States Tax Assessment – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[17] Figure 7.10. 1863 United States Tax Assessment – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[18] Figure 7.11. Purported Transcript of David Harrison Blunk's Obituary.
[19] Figure 7.12. 1870 United States Federal Census – Nokomis Township, Montgomery County, Illinois.
[20] Figure 7.13. 1880 United States Federal Census – Williams Township, Stone County, Missouri.
[21] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/22622839/miranda-blunk : accessed 08 November 2021), memorial page for Miranda Roberts Blunk (31 Dec 1814–23 Nov 1881), Find a Grave Memorial ID 22622839, citing New Salem Cemetery, Seligman, Barry County, Missouri, USA.

Figure 7.1

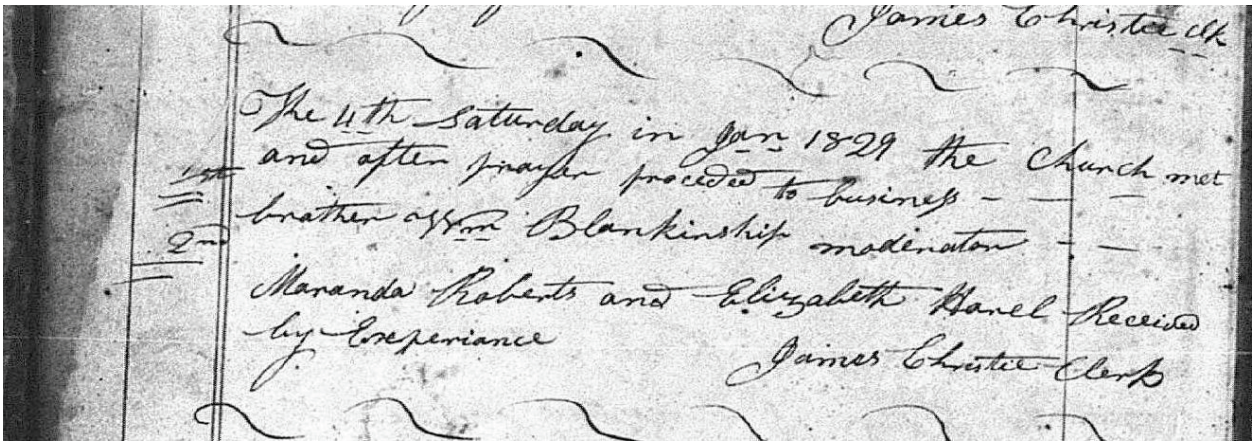
Maranda (Roberts) Blunk[7] Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/22622839/miranda-blunk : accessed 08 November 2021), memorial page for Miranda Roberts Blunk (31 Dec 1814–23 Nov 1881), Find a Grave Memorial ID 22622839, citing New Salem Cemetery, Seligman, Barry County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Dorothy Blunk Perales (contributor 46798471). Photo added 9 Sep 2009 by Susan Ing (contributor 47043987).

Figure 7.2

West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda Roberts[7] Received into Membership



James Christie Clk

The 4th Saturday in Jan.y 1829 the Church met and after prayer proceeded to busines — — —

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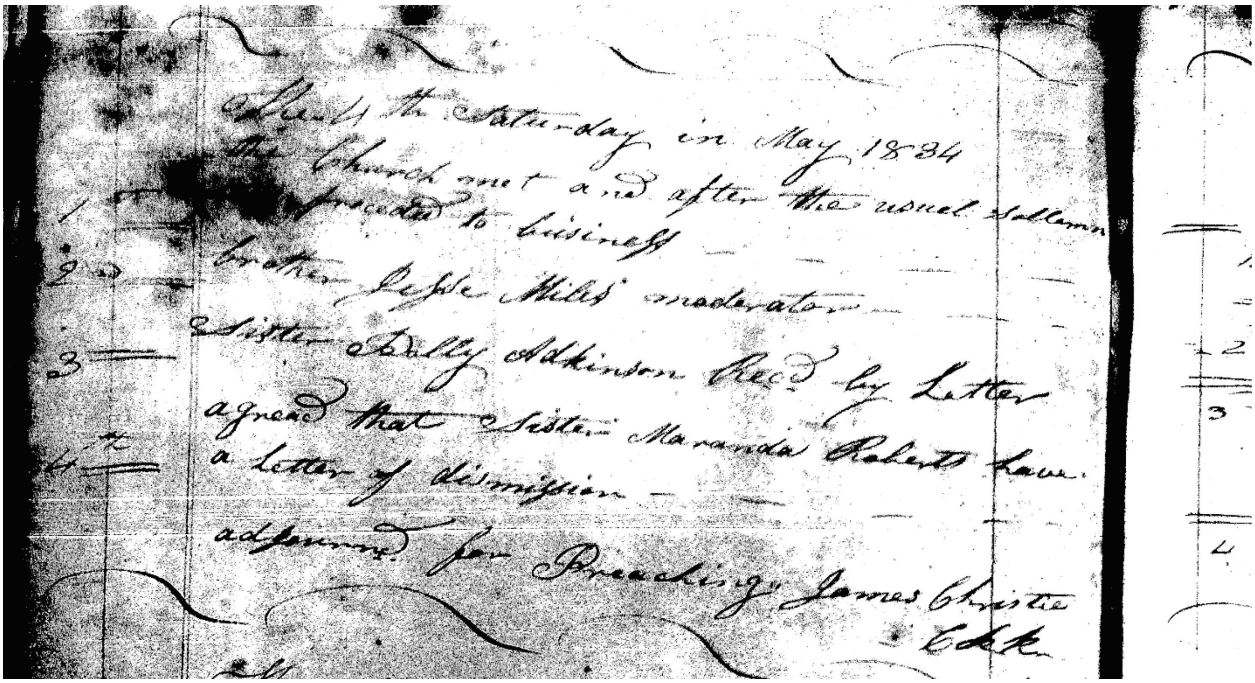
Maranda Roberts and Elizabeth Hanel Received by Experiance

James Christie Clerk

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 7.3

West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda Roberts[7] Letter of Dismission



Church 4th Saturday in May 1834

The Church met and after the usual solemn

proceeded to business

2nd brother Jesse Mills moderator

3 Sister Sally Addinson Rec.d by Letter

agreed that Sister Maranda Roberts have

a Letter of dismission — — —

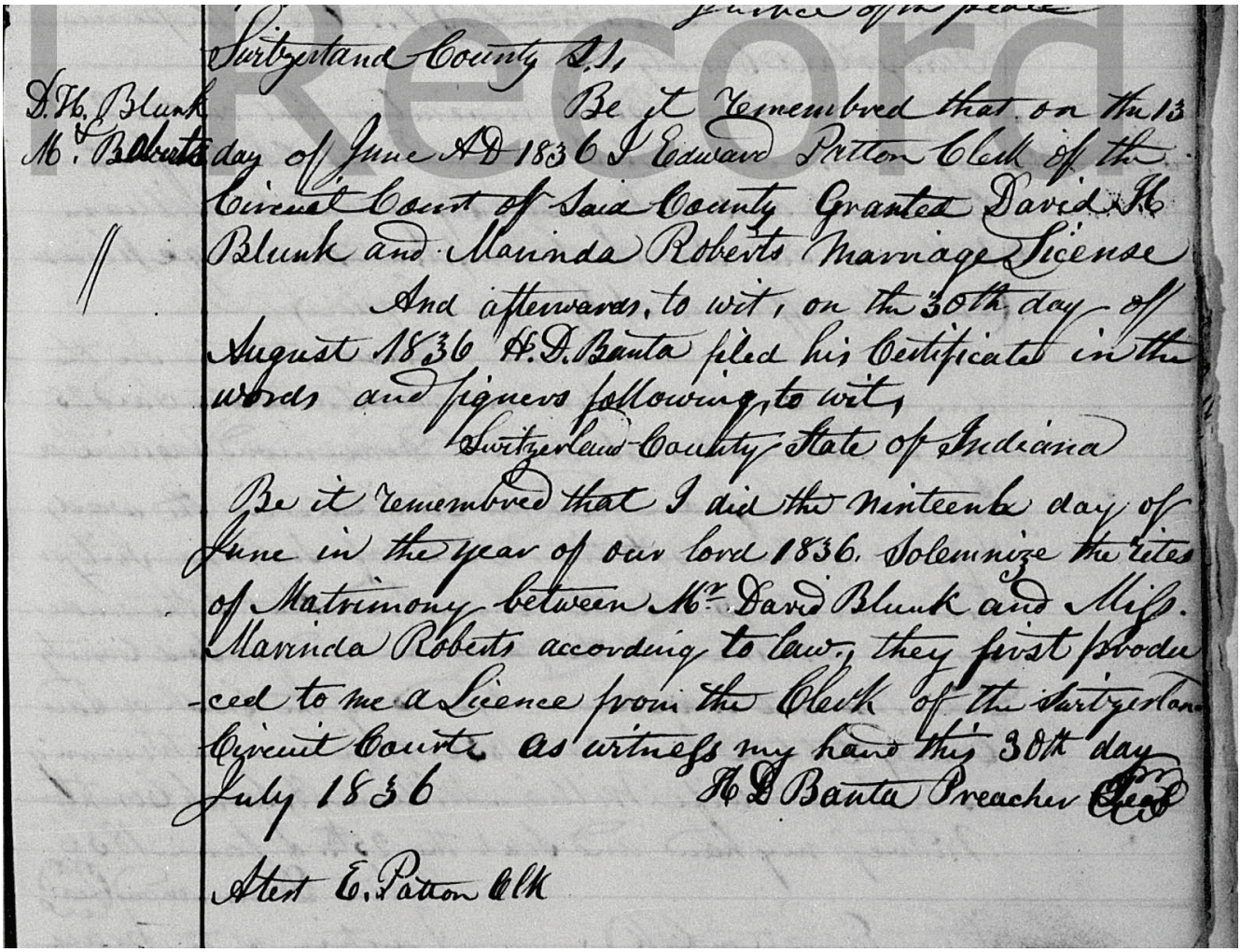
adjourned for Preaching James Christie

Clerk

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 7.4

Maranda Roberts[7] & David Harrison Blunk Marriage Record



Switzerland County S.I.

D. H. Blunk
M. Roberts

Be it remembred that on the 13 day of June A.D. 1836 I Edward Patton Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County Granted David H. Blunk and Marinda Roberts Marriage Licence

And afterwards, to wit, on the 30th day of August 1836 H. D. Banta filed his Certificate in the words and fignews following, to wit,

Switzerland County, State of Indiana

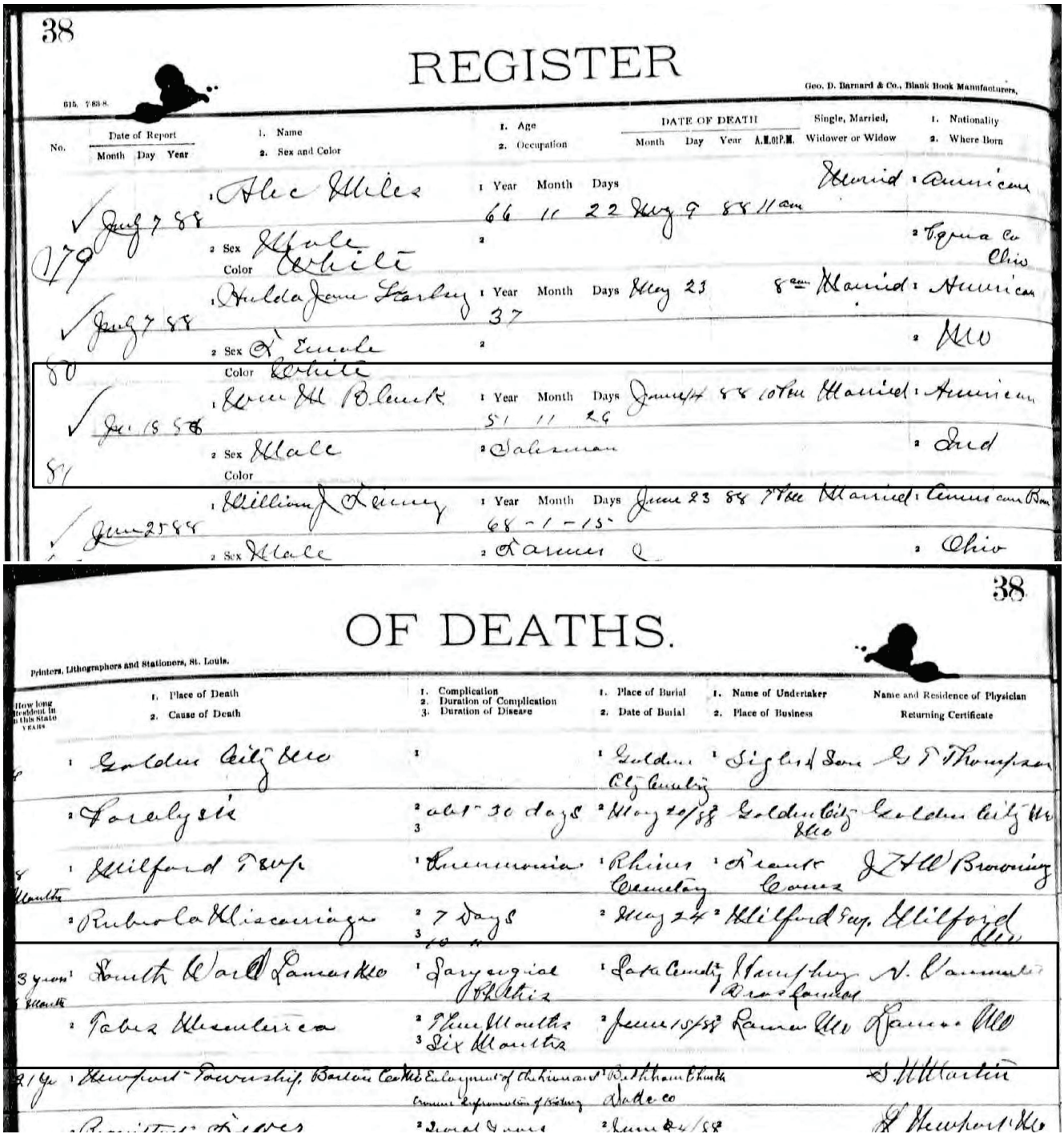
Be it remembred that I did the Nineteenth day of June in the year of our lord 1836. Solemnize the rites of Matrimony between Mr. David Blunk and Miss. Marinda Roberts according to law, they first produced to me a Licence from the Clerk of the Switzerland Circuit Court as witness my hand this 30th day July 1836 H. D. Banta Preacher

Attest E. Patton Clk

Received 5 Oct 2020 from Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Original source: Marriage Records, Circuit Court, Switzerland County, Indiana, 1814-1957, Film #004646665. Citing: Switzerland County, Indiana Clerk of the Circuit Court, Marriage Records, Nov 1814-Nov 1843, Page 318.

Figure 7.5

William M. Blunk Death Record



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REGISTER

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Blank Book Manufacturers.

No.	Date of Report Month Day Year	1. Name 2. Sex and Color	1. Age 2. Occupation	DATE OF DEATH Month Day Year A.M.or P.M.	Single, Married, Widower or Widow	1. Nationality 2. Where Born
179	July 7 88	1 Alec Miles 2 Sex Male Color White	1 Year Month Days 66 11 22 2	May 9 88 11 am	Married	1 American 2 Tyrone Co Ohio
80	July 7 88	1 Hulda Jane Starley 2 Sex Female Color White	1 Year Month Days 37 2	May 23	8 am Married	1 American 2 Ohio
81	Jan 18 88	1 Wm M B. Lunk 2 Sex Male Color	1 Year Month Days 51 11 26 2 Salesman	Jan 14 88 10 PM	Married	1 American 2 Ind
	June 25 88	1 William J Kinney 2 Sex Male	1 Year Month Days 68 - 1 - 15 2 Farmer	June 23 88 7 PM	Married	1 American Born 2 Ohio

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OF DEATHS.

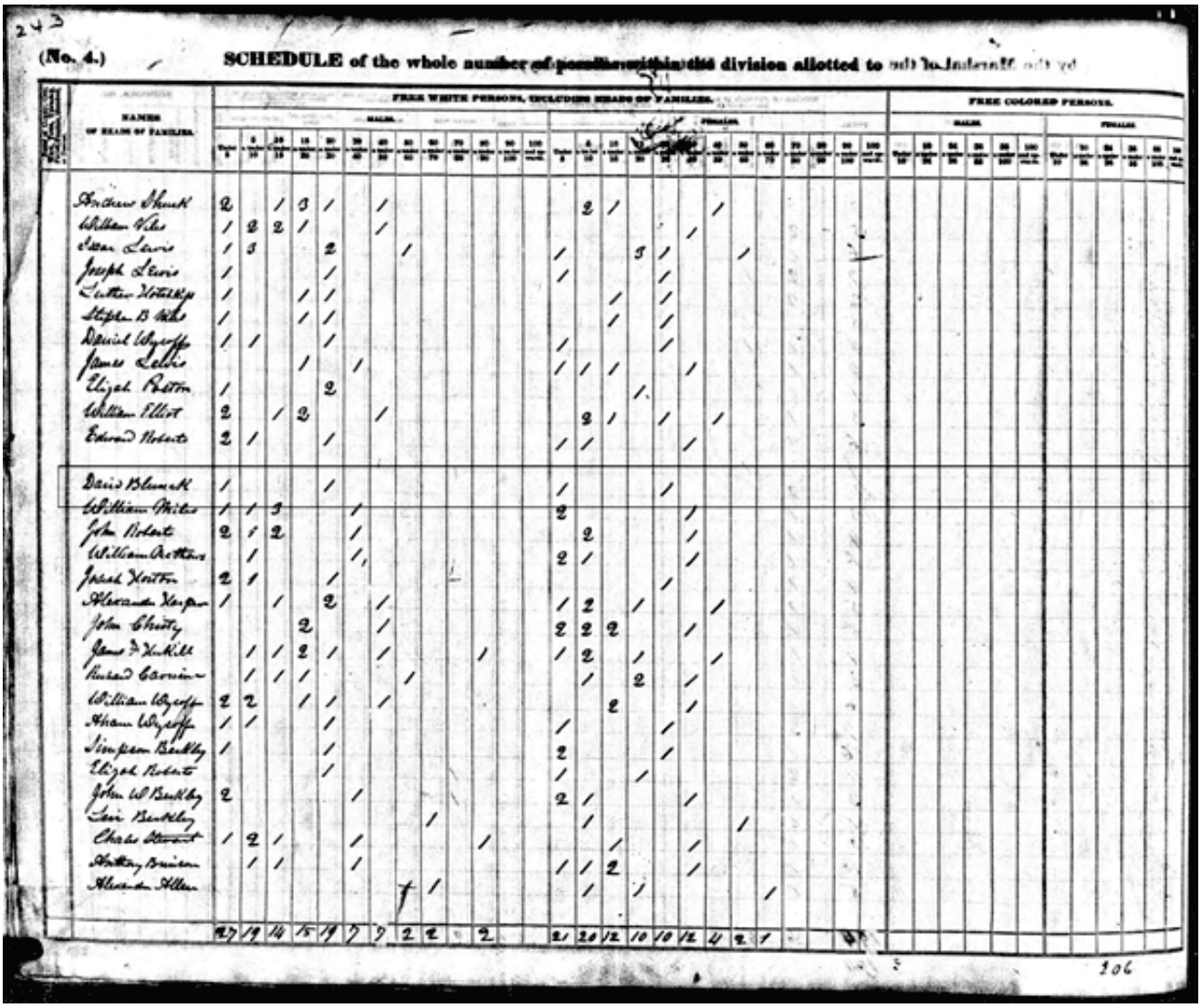
Printers, Lithographers and Stationers, St. Louis.

How long a resident in this State YEARS	1. Place of Death 2. Cause of Death	1. Complication 2. Duration of Complication 3. Duration of Disease	1. Place of Burial 2. Date of Burial	1. Name of Undertaker 2. Place of Business	Name and Residence of Physician Returning Certificate
	1 Golden City Mo 2 Paralysis	1 2 abt 30 days 3	1 Golden City Cemetery 2 May 20/88	1 Sigler & Son 2 Golden City Mo	G F Thompson Golden City Mo
8 Months	1 Milford Twp 2 Rubeola Miasmatica	1 Pneumonia 2 7 days 3 10 "	1 Rhine Cemetery 2 May 24	1 Schrantz Bros Carnes 2 Milford Twp.	J H W Browning Milford Mo
3 years 8 Months	South Ward Lamar Mo 2 Tabes Mesenterica	1 Laryngeal Phthisis 2 Nine Months 3 Six Months	1 Lamar Cemetery 2 June 18/88	1 Humphrey Bros Undertakers 2 Lamar Mo	N. Lammers Lamar Mo
21 Ye	1 Newport Township, Barton Co Mo 2 Renal Disease	1 Exhaustion of Delirium Tremens Chronic Inflammation of Kidneys	1 Bethlehem Church 2 June 24/88	Dale Co	J. H Martin J. Newport Mo

"Missouri, U.S., Death Records, 1850-1931," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1172/images/vrmmo1833_c593-0501?pId=1213421 : accessed 8 Nov 2021), Barton > ALL > 1883-1899 > Image 97 of 110.

Figure 7.6 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



(No. 4.) SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within this division allotted to

FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES. — MALES. — FEMALES. — FREE COLORED PERSONS. — MALES. — FEMALES.

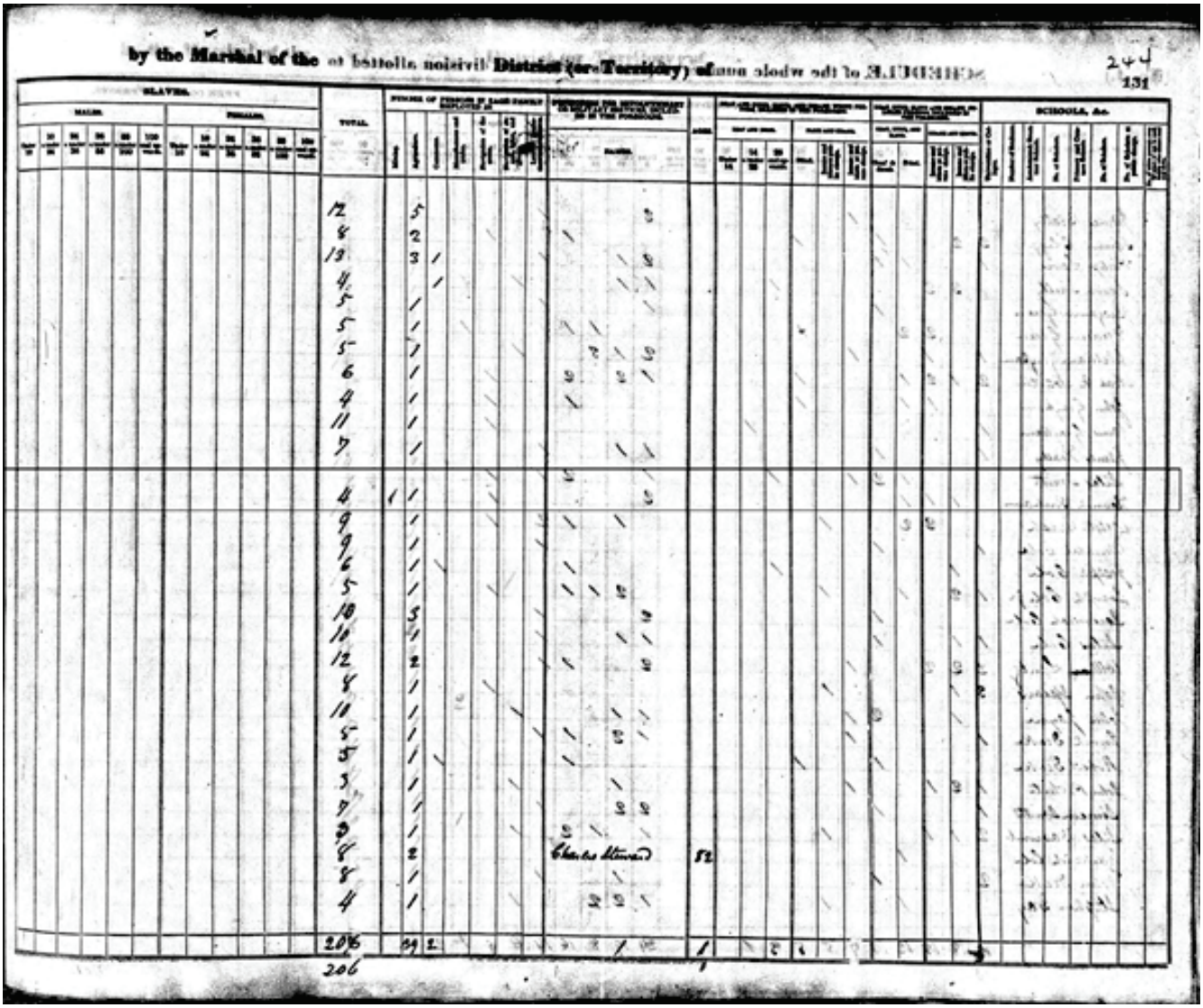
NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.

Andrew Shunk 2 / 3 / / / 2 / / / /
William Vile / 2 2 / / 1 / / / /
Isaac Lewis / 3 2 / / 3 / / / /
Joseph Lewis / / / / / / / / /
Luther Hotchkiss / / / / / / / / /
Stephen B Vile / / / / / / / / /
David Wycoff / / / / / / / / /
James Lewis / / / / / / / / /
Elijah Patton / 2 / / / / / / /
William Elliot 2 / 2 / / 2 / / / /
Edward Roberts 2 / / / / / / / /
David Blunck / / / / / / / / /
William Miller / / 3 / / 2 / / / /
John Roberts 2 / 2 / / 2 / / / /
William Robbins / / / / 2 / / / /
Josiah Horton 2 / / / / / / / /
Alexander Harper / / / 2 / / / / /
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James F Kirkhill / / / 2 / / / / /
Richard Garvin / / / / / / / / /
William Wycoff 2 2 / / / 2 / / / /
Abram Wycoff / / / / / / / / /
Simpson Bentley / / / / / / / / /
Elijah Roberts / / / / / / / / /
John W Bentley 2 / / / / / / / /
Levi Bentley / / / / / / / / /
Charles Stewart / 2 / / / / / / /
Anthony Brinson / / / / / / / / /
Alexander Allen / / / / / / / / /

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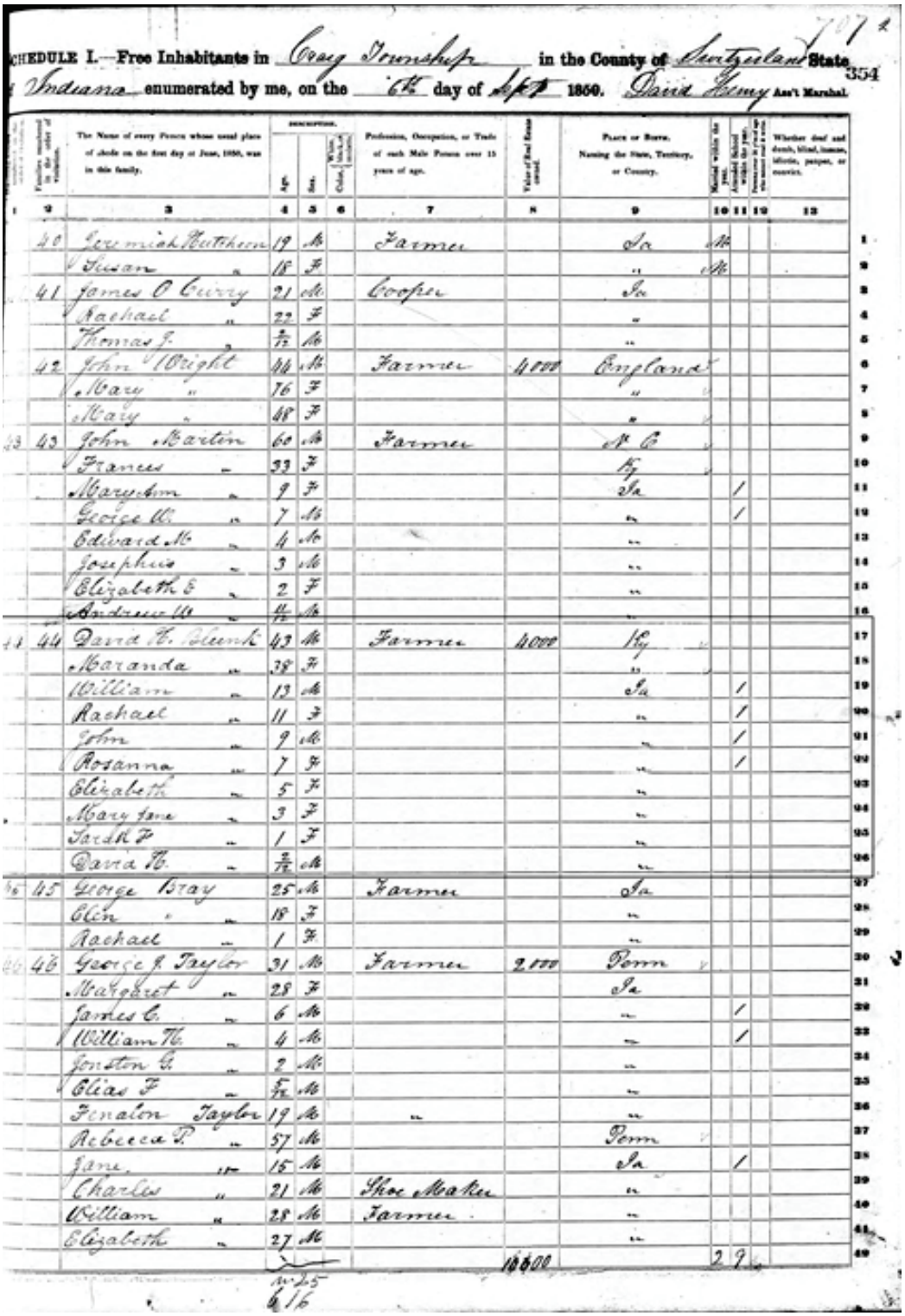

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| SLAVES. | | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL. | FAMILIES. | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 7.7

1850 United States Federal Census – Craig Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



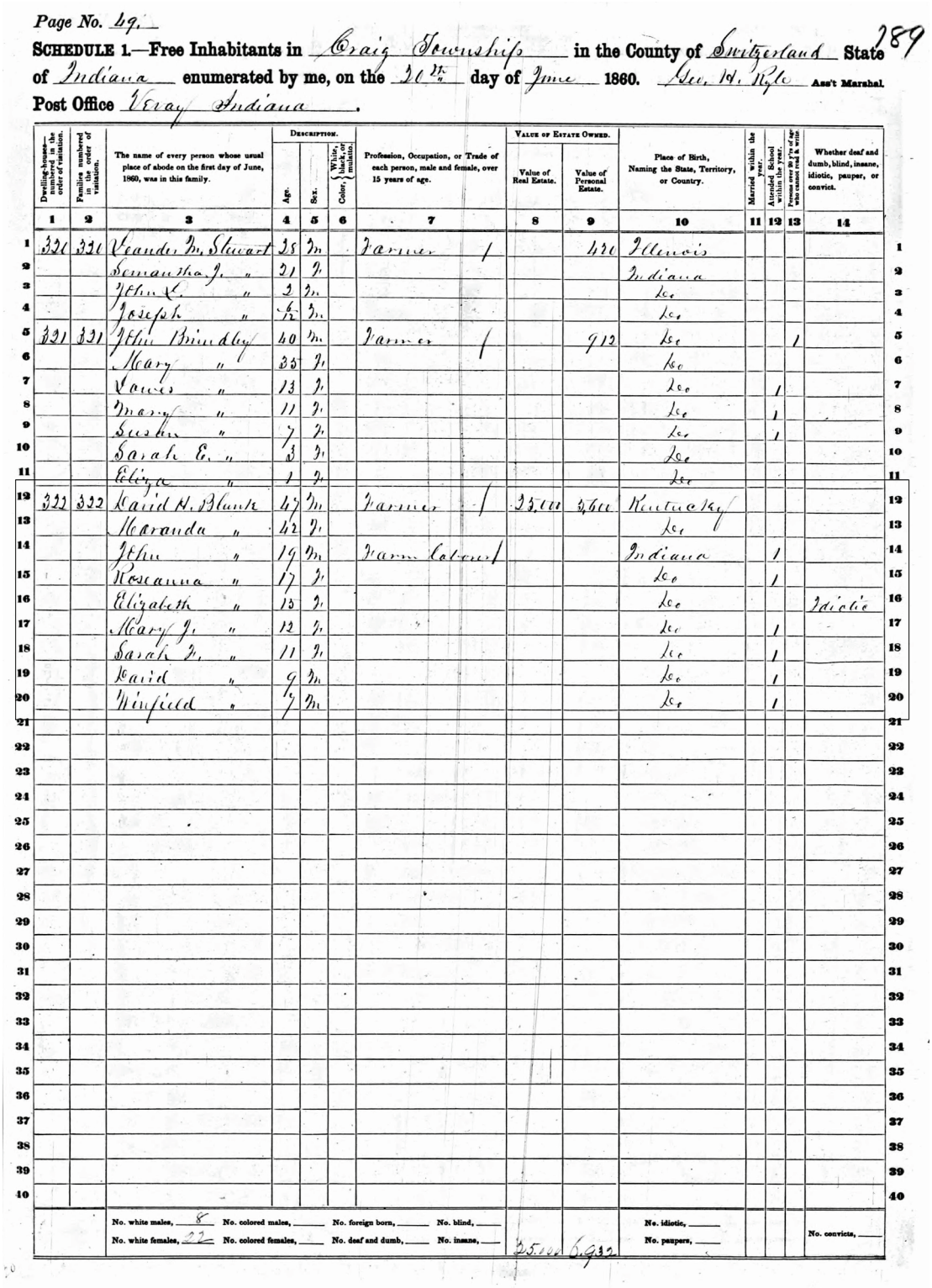
SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Craig Township in the County of Switzerland State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 6th day of Aug 1850. David Kenny Ass't Marshal.

Families numbered in the order of visitation	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read and write	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
40	Ezemiah Ruthven	19	M		Farmer		Ia	M				1
	Susan "	18	F				"	M				2
41	James O Curry	21	M		Cooper		Ia					3
	Rachael "	22	F				"					4
	Thomas J. "	2/12	M				"					5
42	John Wright	46	M		Farmer	4000	England					6
	Mary "	76	F				"					7
	Mary "	48	F				"					8
43	43 John Martin	60	M		Farmer		N C					9
	Frances "	33	F				Ky					10
	Maryann "	9	F				Ia		/			11
	George W. "	7	M				"		/			12
	Edward M "	4	M				"					13
	Josephus "	3	M				"					14
	Elizabeth E "	2	F				"					15
	Andrew W "	4/12	M				"					16
44	44 David H. Blunk	43	M		Farmer	4000	Ky					17
	Maranda "	38	F				"					18
	William "	13	M				Ia		/			19
	Rachael "	11	F				"		/			20
	John "	9	M				"		/			21
	Rosanna "	7	F				"		/			22
	Elizabeth "	5	F				"					23
	Maryann "	3	F				"					24
	Sarah F "	1	F				"					25
	David H. "	2/12	M				"					26
45	45 George Bray	25	M		Farmer		Ia					27
	Elen "	18	F				"					28
	Rachael "	1	F				"					29
46	46 George P. Taylor	31	M		Farmer	2000	Penn					30
	Margaret "	28	F				Ia					31
	James C. "	6	M				"		/			32
	William M. "	4	M				"		/			33
	Jonston G. "	2	M				"					34
	Elias F "	5/12	M				"					35
	Jenalon Taylor	19	M		"		"					36
	Rebecca P. "	57	M				Penn					37
	Jane "	15	M				Ia		/			38
	Charles "	21	M		Shoe Maker		"					39
	William "	28	M		Farmer		"					40
	Elizabeth "	27	M				"					41
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Figure 7.8

1860 United States Federal Census – Craig Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Craig Township in the County of Switzerland State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 20th day of June 1860. Geo. W. Kyle Ass't Marshal

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Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation	Families numbered in the order of visitation	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age	Sex	Color (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Persons over 20 y'rs of age who cannot read & write	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
320	320	Veandus M. Stewart	38	M		Farmer		420	Illinois				
		Samantha J. "	31	F					Indiana				
		John C. "	9	M					do				
		Joseph "	6/12	M					do				
321	321	John Brindley	40	M		Farmer		912	do			1	
		Mary "	35	F					do				
		Lewis "	13	F					do		1		
		Mary "	11	F					do		1		
		Lucius "	7	F					do		1		
		Sarah E. "	3	F					do				
		Eliza "	1	F					do				
322	322	David H. Blunk	49	M		Farmer	25,000	3600	Kentucky				
		Maranda "	42	F					do				
		John "	19	M		Farm Laborer			Indiana		1		
		Roseanna "	17	F					do		1		
		Elizabeth "	15	F					do				Idiotic
		Mary J. "	12	F					do		1		
		Sarah F. "	11	F					do		1		
		David "	9	M					do		1		
		Winfield "	7	M					do		1		

No. white males, 8 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____

No. white females, 22 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____

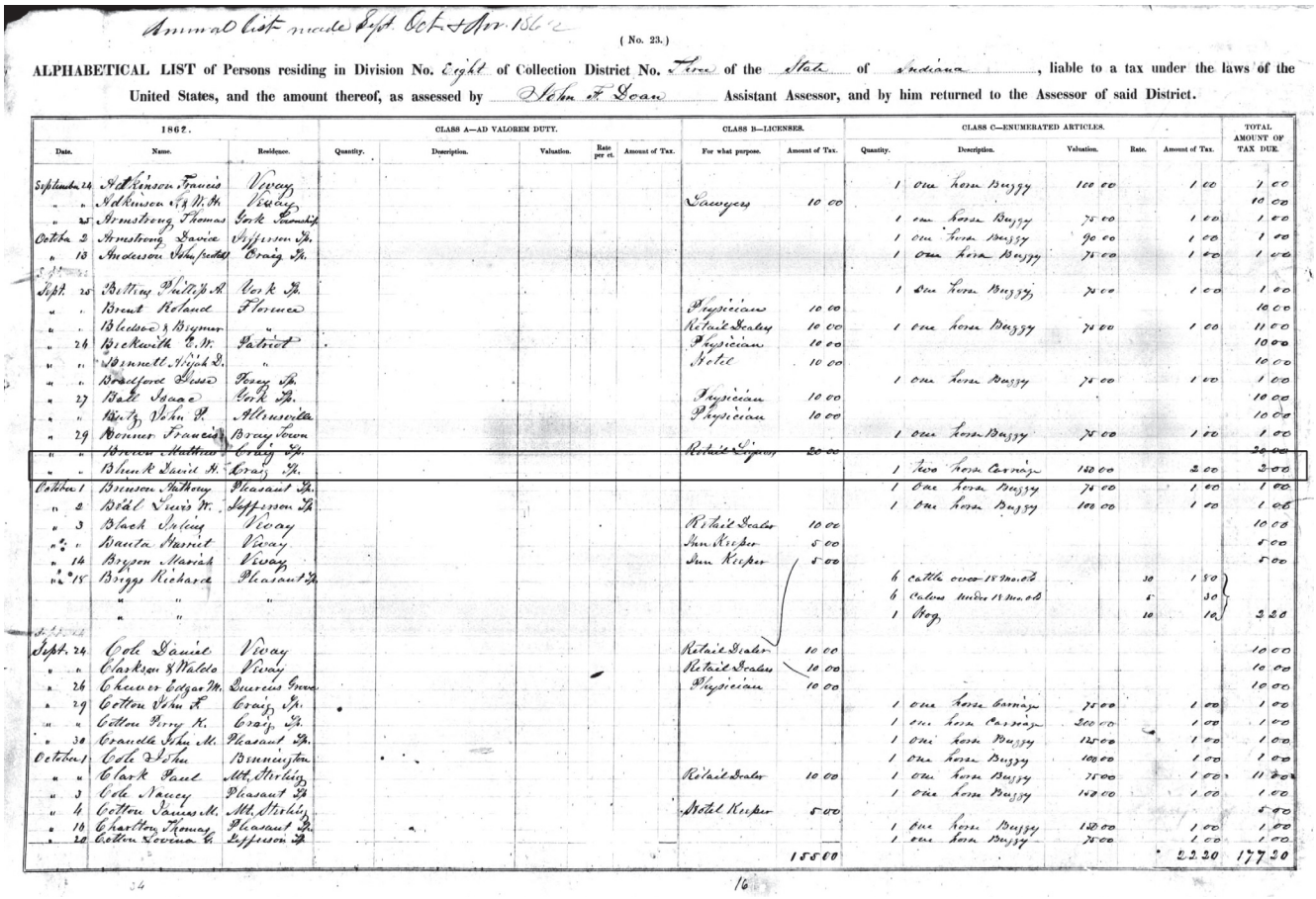
No. idiotic, ____ No. paupers, ____ No. convicts, ____

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Figure 7.9

1862 United States Tax Assessment – Switzerland County, Indiana



Annual List made Sept. Oct. & Nov. 1862

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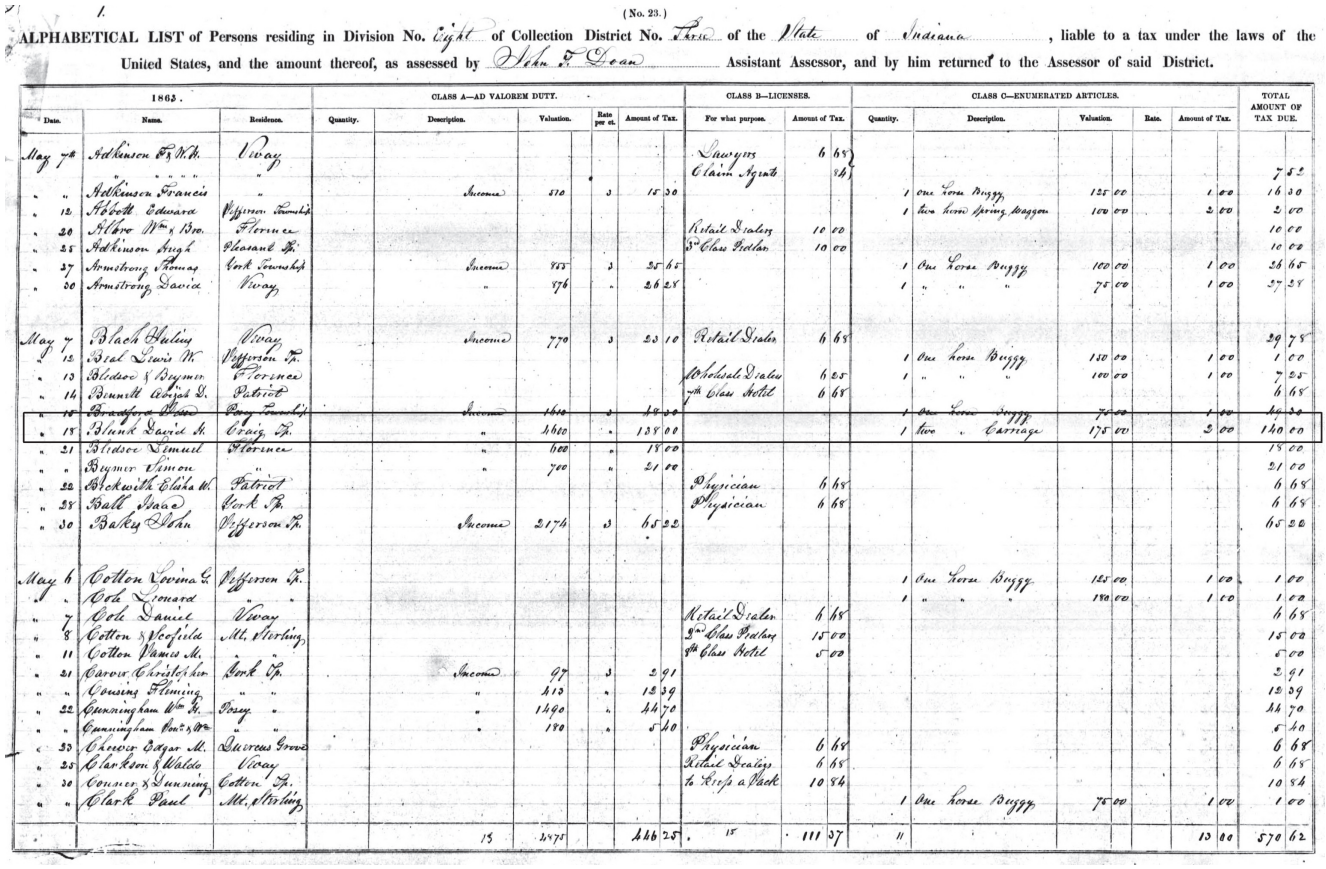
ALPHABETICAL LIST of Persons residing in Division No. Eight of Collection District No. Five of the State of Indiana, liable to a tax under the laws of the United States, and the amount thereof, as assessed by John F. Dean Assistant Assessor, and by him returned to the Assessor of said District.

1862.			CLASS A—AD VALOREM DUTY.					CLASS B—LICENSES.		CLASS C—ENUMERATED ARTICLES.					TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX DUE
Date.	Name.	Residence.	Quantity.	Description.	Valuation.	Rate per ct.	Amount of Tax.	For what purpose.	Amount of Tax.	Quantity.	Description.	Valuation.	Rate.	Amount of Tax.	
Septemb. 24	Atkinson Francis	Vevay								1	One Horse Buggy	100 00		1 00	1 00
" "	Atkinson & M. M.	Vevay						Lawyers	10 00						10 00
" 25	Armstrong Thomas	York Township								1	one Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
Octobr 2	Armstrong Lavica	Jefferson Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	90 00		1 00	1 00
" 18	Anderson John [illegible]	Craig Tp.								1	One Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
Sept. 25	Bettey Phillip A.	York Tp.								1	One Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
" "	Brent Roland	Florence						Physician	10 00						10 00
" "	Bledsoe & Brymer	"						Retail Dealer	10 00	1	one Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	11 00
" 24	Beckwith C. W.	Patriot						Physician	10 00						10 00
" "	Bonnell Elijah D.	"						Notic	10 00						10 00
" "	Bradford Reuben	Posey Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
" 27	Bale Isaac	York Tp.						Physician	10 00						10 00
" "	Beatty John P.	Allensville						Physician	10 00						10 00
" 29	Bonner Francis	Brug Town								1	one Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
" "	Brown Matthew	Craig Tp.						Retail Liquors	20 00						30 00
" "	Blunk David H.	Craig Tp.								1	Two Horse Carriage	150 00		2 00	3 00
Octobr 1	Brunson Anthony	Pleasant Tp.								1	One Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
" 2	Bidel Lewis W.	Jefferson Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	100 00		1 00	1 00
" 3	Black Solon	Vevay						Retail Dealer	10 00						10 00
" "	Banta Harriet	Vevay						Inn Keeper	5 00						5 00
" 14	Bryson Mariah	Vevay						Inn Keeper	5 00						5 00
" 18	Briggs Richard	Pleasant Tp.								6	cattle over 18 Months old		30	1 80	
	" "	"								6	Calves under 18 Months old		5	30	
	" "									1	Hog		10	10	3 20
Sept. 24	Cole Daniel	Vevay						Retail Dealer	10 00						10 00
" "	Clarkson & Waldo	Vevay						Retail Dealer	10 00						10 00
" 26	Chenoweth Edgar M.	Quercus Grove						Physician	10 00						10 00
" 29	Cotton John L.	Craig Tp.								1	one Horse Carriage	75 00		1 00	1 00
" "	Cotton Perry K.	Craig Tp.								1	one Horse Carriage	300 00		1 00	1 00
" 30	Crandell John M.	Pleasant Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	125 00		1 00	1 00
Octobr 1	Cole John	Brunswick								1	One Horse Buggy	100 00		1 00	1 00
" "	Clark Paul	Mt. Sterling						Retail Dealer	10 00	1	one Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	11 00
" 3	Cole Nancy	Pleasant Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	150 00		1 00	1 00
" 4	Cotton James M.	Mt. Sterling						Hotel Keeper	5 00						5 00
" 18	Charlton Thomas	Pleasant Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	150 00		1 00	1 00
" 20	Cotton Lovina C.	Jefferson Tp.								1	one Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
									155 00					22 20	177 20

"U.S., IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1264/images/rhusa1862_101764-00420?pId=5201732 : accessed 8 Nov 2021), Indiana > District 3; Annual Lists, Monthly and Special Lists; Sept. 1862-Dec. 1863 > Image 390 of 436.

Figure 7.10

1863 United States Tax Assessment – Switzerland County, Indiana



(No. 23.)

ALPHABETICAL LIST of Persons residing in Division No. Eight of Collection District No. Three of the State of Indiana, liable to a tax under the laws of the United States, and the amount thereof, as assessed by John F. Dean Assistant Assessor, and by him returned to the Assessor of said District.

1863.			CLASS A—AD VALOREM DUTY.					CLASS B—LICENSES.		CLASS C—ENUMERATED ARTICLES.					TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX DUE.
Date.	Name.	Residence.	Quantity.	Description.	Valuation.	Rate per ct.	Amount of Tax.	For what purpose.	Amount of Tax.	Quantity.	Description.	Valuation.	Rate.	Amount of Tax.	
May 7	Adkinson F. & W. H.	Vevay						Lawyers	6 68						
"	" " " "	"						Claim Agents	1 84						7 52
" "	Adkinson Francis	"		Income	510	3	15 30			1	One Horse Buggy	125 00		1 00	16 30
" 12	Abbott Edward	Jefferson Township								1	two horse Spring Waggon	100 00		2 00	2 00
" 20	Abbe Wm & Bro.	Florence						Retail Dealer	10 00						10 00
" 25	Adkinson Hugh	Pleasant Pt.						5th Class Peddler	10 00						10 00
" 27	Armstrong Thomas	York Township		Income	855	3	25 65			1	One Horse Buggy	100 00		1 00	26 65
" 30	Armstrong David	Vevay		"	876	"	26 28			1	" " "	75 00		1 00	27 28
May 7	Black Julius	Vevay		Income	770	3	23 10	Retail Dealer	6 68						29 78
" 12	Beal Lewis M.	Jefferson Pt.								1	One Horse Buggy	130 00		1 00	1 00
" 13	Bledsoe & Bigmon	Florence						Wholesale Dealer	6 25	1	" " "	100 00		1 00	7 25
" 14	Bennett Abijah D.	Patriot						4th Class Hotel	6 68						6 68
" 15	Bradford Silas	Bear Township		Income	1800	3	54 00			1	One Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	55 00
" 15	Blunk David H.	Craig Pt.		"	4660	"	139 80			1	Two " Carriages	175 00		2 00	140 80
" 21	Bledsoe Samuel	Florence		"	600	"	18 00								18 00
" "	Bigmon Simon	"		"	700	"	21 00								21 00
" 22	Beckwith Elisha M.	Patriot						Physician	6 68						6 68
" 28	Ball Isaac	York Pt.						Physician	6 68						6 68
" 30	Bailey Dean	Jefferson Pt.		Income	2174	3	65 22								65 22
May 6	Cotton Lovina C.	Jefferson Pt.								1	One Horse Buggy	125 00		1 00	1 00
" "	Cole Leonard	" "								1	" " "	180 00		1 00	1 00
" 7	Cole Daniel	Vevay						Retail Dealer	6 68						6 68
" 8	Cotton & Woolfolk	Mt. Sterling						2nd Class Peddler	15 00						15 00
" 11	Cotton Vanis M.	" "						8th Class Hotel	5 00						5 00
" 21	Carow Christopher	York Pt.		Income	97	3	2 91								2 91
" "	Cousins Fleming	" "		"	413	"	12 39								12 39
" 22	Cunningham Wm H.	Posey "		"	1490	"	44 70								44 70
" "	Cunningham Pont & Wm	" "		"	180	"	5 40								5 40
" 23	Chivor Edgar M.	Quercus Grove						Physician	6 68						6 68
" 25	Clarkson & Walda	Vevay						Retail Dealer	6 68						6 68
" 30	Conner & Denning	Cotton Pt.						to Keep a Pack	10 84						10 84
" "	Clark Paul	Mt. Sterling								1	One Horse Buggy	75 00		1 00	1 00
			15		2475		446 25	15	111 37	11				13 00	570 62

"U.S., IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1264/images/rhusa1862_101764-00437?pId=3645260 : accessed 8 Nov 2021), Indiana > District 3; Annual Lists, Monthly and Special Lists; Sept. 1862-Dec. 1863 > Image 407 of 436.

Figure 7.11

Purported Transcript of David Harrison Blunk's Obituary

Obituary of Deacon David H. Blunk Appeard probably in Granby, Missouri, newspaper

The subject of this sketch was born in Henry County, Kentucky, October 26, 1811, and with his parents moved to Switzerland County, Indiana, when only nine years old where he grew to manhood as a farmer, and although with a poor chance for an education he showed a wonderful business knowledge and was successful in all his undertakings up to the commencement of the Civil War. He started, which afterward proved his financial ruin, that of shipping produce south and continued in that business until the civil war. He was considered one of the wealthiest men in the county but lost heavily by the stoppage of trade and the blockading of the river and the destruction of his property in New Orleans. After his losses in this transaction, he, with other parties builded [sic] a steamboat, the writer saw and was aboard of this boat. She was named for her owner, the "DH Blunk". Afterwards he bought out his partners and became the sole owner and did a good business shipping supplies to the army during the war. After the war he moved with his family to Mattoon, Illinois. In 1871 he came to Missouri and located in Newtonia, where he was loved and revered by all who knew him. He was married to Miss Miranda Roberts, who preceded him to the better world some 20 years ago. After her death he became very unsettled and went to Western Kansas, where he again met with reverses in fortune. Returning to Granby, Missouri, he made his home with his daughter Mrs. Gough. He was the father of nine children four of whom survive him. John R, Winfield S and Mrs. Sarah Gough of Granby and Mrs. Mary Orr of Newton, Kansas, all of whom were present at his bedside where he died very peacefully at his son-in-law's Ferd Gough's in Granby. May 20th 1902 aged 90 years six months and 24 days.

He was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist church when 18 years of age and lived a faithful member until death. His membership was in the first or missionary Baptist church of Granby, MO. He was a Baptist for 72 years and his faithfulness as a Christian was never brought in question. A noble example indeed.

Funeral by the writer.

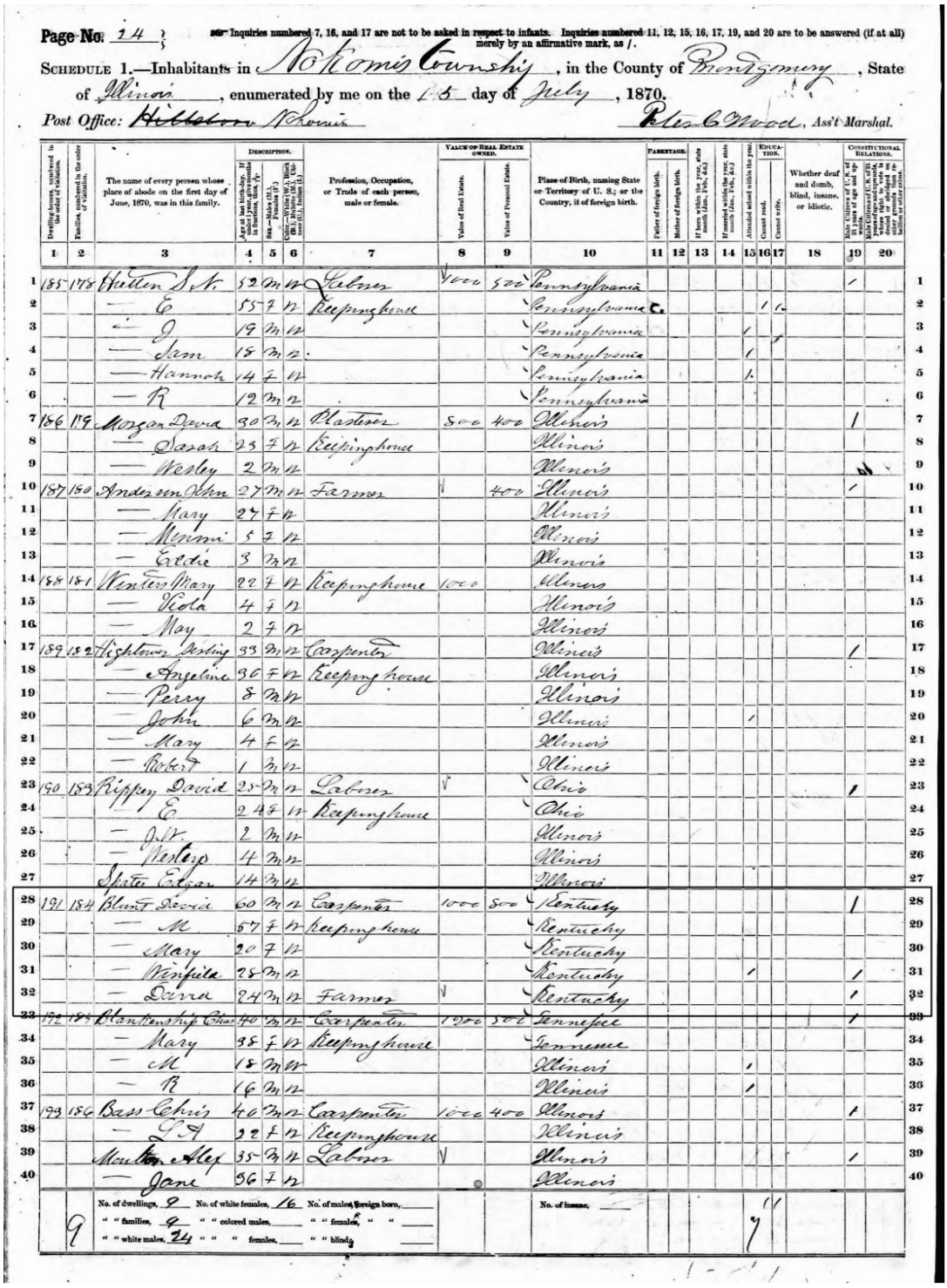
J.S. Johnson

"Obituary of Deacon David H," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/83705163/person/290159241197/media/c21542de-227b-4d01-8be1-e504c301d168?_phsrc=mie-1581693&usePUBJs=true : accessed 8 Nov 2021). Originally shared by Ancestry.com user J_Weien on 2 Oct 2017.

Note: I sent a message to J_Weien via Ancestry on 28 Oct 2020 for further verification. Her reply of 16 Nov 2020 states she read the obituary about 10 years ago in a library that had the original newspapers bound, but could not recall the newspaper. In correspondence with Ancestry.com user DavidAHorne on 30 Nov 2020, he stated that David Blunk's 2x great grandson, Robert Lee Blunk (1923-2017) did not believe the *D. H. Blunk* riverboat was associated with Maranda's husband, David H. Blunk. Mr. Horne is married to Robert Lee Blunk's niece Kim Marie Blunk, a 3rd great granddaughter of Maranda (*Kim Marie Blunk (b. 1956) > Wayne Forest Blunk > Walter Leroy Blunk > Ferdinand Adolphus Blunk > William M. Blunk > Maranda Roberts[7]*).

Figure 7.12

1870 United States Federal Census – Nokomis Township, Montgomery County, Illinois



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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Nokomis Township, in the County of Montgomery, State of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 15 day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Hillsboro Illinois — Ples C Wood, Ass't Marshal.

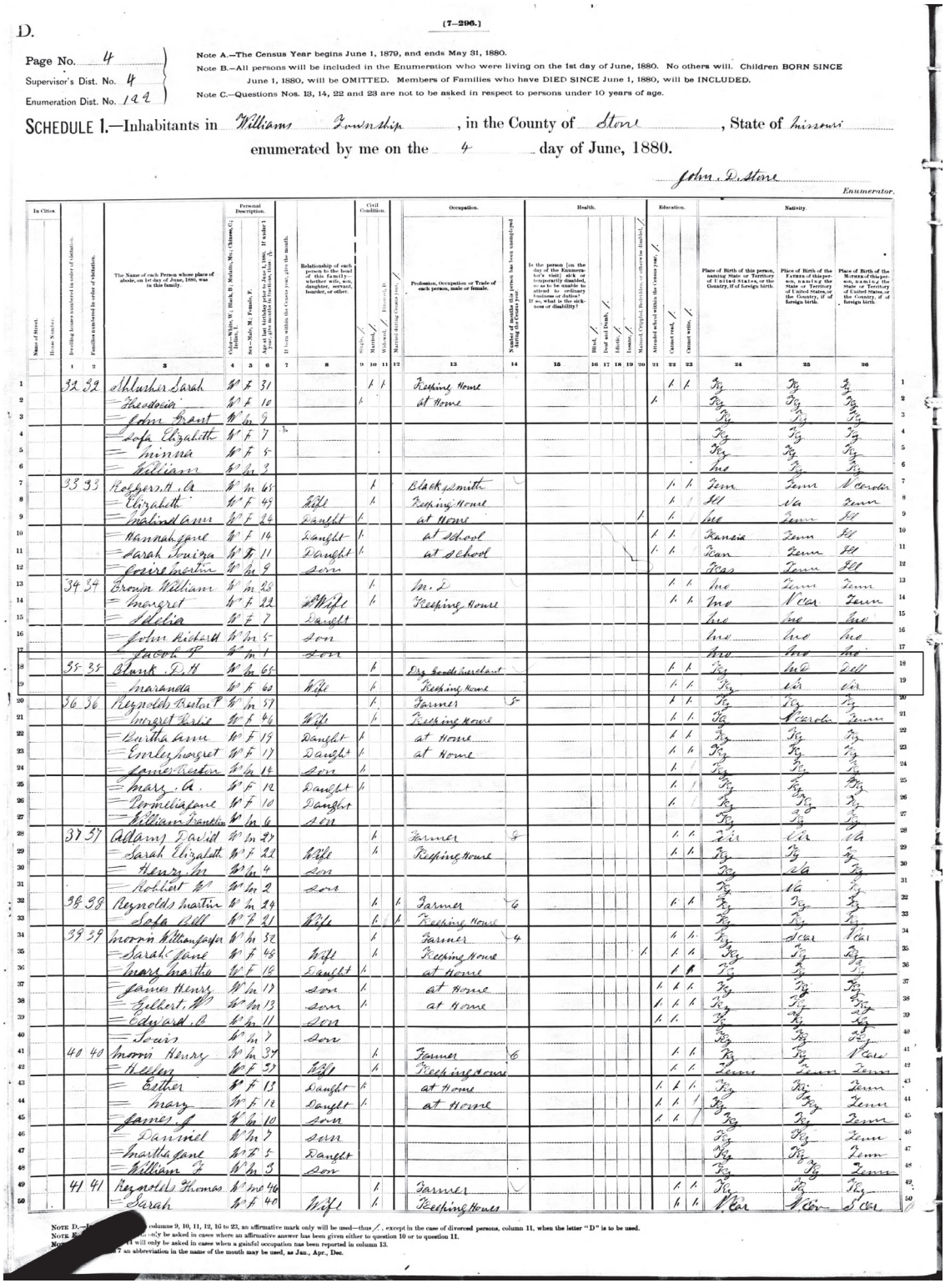
Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, state months.	Description: Sex — Males (M.); Females (F.)	Description: Color — White (W.); Black (B.); Mulatto (M.); Chinese (C.); Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of the age aforesaid, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
185	178	Hatten S. N.	52	M	W	Laborer	4000	500	Pennsylvania									/	
		— C	55	F	W	Keeping house			Pennsylvania	C.					/	/			
		— J	19	M	W				Pennsylvania					/					
		— Sam	15	M	W				Pennsylvania					/					
		— Hannah	14	F	W				Pennsylvania					/					
		— R	12	M	W				Pennsylvania										
186	179	Morgan David	30	M	W	Plasterer	800	400	Illinois									/	
		— Sarah	23	F	W	Keeping house			Illinois										
		— Wesley	2	M	W				Illinois										
187	180	Anderson John	27	M	W	Farmer		400	Illinois									/	
		— Mary	27	F	W				Illinois										
		— Minnie	5	F	W				Illinois										
		— Eddie	3	M	W				Illinois										
188	181	Winters Mary	22	F	W	Keeping house	1000		Illinois										
		— Viola	4	F	W				Illinois										
		— May	2	F	W				Illinois										
189	182	Hightower Sterling	33	M	W	Carpenter			Illinois									/	
		— Angeline	30	F	W	Keeping house			Illinois										
		— Perry	8	M	W				Illinois										
		— John	6	M	W				Illinois					/					
		— Mary	4	F	W				Illinois										
		— Robert	1	M	W				Illinois										
190	183	Rippey David	25	M	W	Laborer			Ohio									/	
		— E	24	F	W	Keeping house			Ohio										
		— J. K.	2	M	W				Illinois										
		— Marlon	4	M	W				Illinois										
		Slater Edgar	14	M	W				Illinois										
191	184	Blount David	60	M	W	Carpenter	1000	500	Kentucky									/	
		— M	57	F	W	Keeping house			Kentucky										
		— Mary	20	F	W				Kentucky										
		— Winfield	28	M	W				Kentucky					/				/	
		— David	24	M	W	Farmer			Kentucky									/	
192	185	Blankenship Chas	40	M	W	Carpenter	1000	500	Tennessee									/	
		— Mary	38	F	W	Keeping house			Tennessee										
		— M	18	M	W				Illinois					/					
		— R	16	M	W				Illinois					/					
193	186	Bass Chris	40	M	W	Carpenter	1000	400	Illinois									/	
		— L. J.	22	F	W	Keeping house			Illinois										
		Moulton Alex	35	M	W	Laborer			Illinois									/	
		— Jane	36	F	W				Illinois										

No. of dwellings, 9 — No. of white females, 16 — No. of males, foreign born, ____
" " families, 9 — " " colored males, ____ — " " females, " " ____
" " white males, 24 — " " females, ____ — " " blind, ____
No. of insane, ____

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Figure 7.13

1880 United States Federal Census – Williams Township, Stone County, Missouri



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Enumeration Dist. No. 122

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Williams Township, in the County of Stone, State of Missouri enumerated by me on the 4 day of June, 1880.

John D. Stone
Enumerator.

In Cities: Name of Street.	In Cities: House Number.	1 Dwelling-houses numbered in order of visitation.	2 Families numbered in order of visitation.	3 The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description: 4 Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, Ch.; Indian, I.	Personal Description: 5 Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Personal Description: 6 Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions of a year.	7 If born within the Census year, give the month.	8 Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition: 9 Single.	Civil Condition: 10 Married.	Civil Condition: 11 Widowed.	Civil Condition: 12 Married during Census year.	13 Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	14 Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health: 15 Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Health: 16 Blind.	Health: 17 Deaf and Dumb.	Health: 18 Idiotic.	Health: 19 Insane.	Health: 20 Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education: 21 Attended school within the Census year.	Education: 22 Cannot read.	Education: 23 Cannot write.	Nativity: 24 Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or this Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity: 25 Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or this Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity: 26 Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or this Country, if of foreign birth.
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1		32	32	Shlurher Sarah	W	F	31				1	1		Keeping House								1	1		Ky	Ky	Ky
2				Theodosia	W	F	10				1			at Home								1			Ky	Ky	Ky
3				John Grant	W	In	9																		Ky	Ky	Ky
4				Sofa Elizabeth	W	F	7																		Ky	Ky	Ky
5				Minnie	W	F	5																		Ky	Ky	Ky
6				William	W	In	3																		Ky	Ky	Ky
7		33	33	Rogers H. A.	W	M	65				1			Blacksmith									1	1	Tenn	Tenn	N Carolin
8				Elizabeth	W	F	49		Wife		1			Keeping House									1		Ill	Va	Tenn
9				Malinda Ann	W	F	24		Daught	1				at Home							1		1		Ill	Tenn	Ill
10				Hannah Jane	W	F	14		Daught	1				at School								1	1		Kansas	Tenn	Ill
11				Sarah Louisa	W	F	11		Daught	1				at School								1	1		Kan	Tenn	Ill
12				Louis Martin	W	In	9		Son																Kans	Tenn	Ill
13		34	34	Brown William	W	M	28				1			M. D.									1	1	Ind	Tenn	Tenn
14				Margret	W	F	22		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	Ind	N Car	Tenn
15				Idelia	W	F	7		Daught																Ind	Ind	Ind
16				John Richard	W	In	5		Son																Ind	Ind	Ind
17				Jacob S.	W	M	1		Son																Ind	Ind	Ind
18		35	35	Clark D. H.	W	In	61				1			Dry Goods Merchant									1	1	Ky	Ind	Ind
19				Amaranda	W	F	60		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	Ky	Va	Va
20		36	36	Reynolds Benton P	W	M	57				1			Farmer	5								1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
21				Margret Belle	W	F	46		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	Ky	N Carolin	Tenn
22				Martha Ann	W	F	19		Daught	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
23				Emily Margret	W	F	17		Daught	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
24				James Preston	W	In	14		Son	1													1		Ky	Ky	Ky
25				Mary A.	W	F	12		Daught	1													1		Ky	Ky	Ky
26				Pomeliapane	W	F	10		Daughter														1		Ky	Ky	Ky
27				William Franklin	W	In	6		Son																Ky	Ky	Ky
28		37	37	Adams David	W	In	27				1			Farmer	4								1	1	Ind	Ind	Va
29				Sarah Elizabeth	W	F	21		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
30				Henry In	W	In	4		Son																Ky	Va	Ky
31				Robert W	W	In	2		Son																Ky	Va	Ky
32		38	38	Reynolds Martin	W	In	24				1	1		Farmer	6								1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
33				Sofa Bell	W	F	21		Wife		1	1		Keeping House											Ky	Ky	Ky
34		39	39	Moore Williamson	W	In	52				1			Farmer	4								1	1	Ky	S Car	N Car
35				Sarah Jane	W	F	46		Wife		1			Keeping House							1		1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
36				Mary Martha	W	F	16		Daught	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
37				James Henry	W	In	17		Son	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
38				Gilbert W	W	In	13		Son	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
39				Edward A	W	In	11		Son														1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
40				Louis	W	In	7		Son																Ky	Ky	Ky
41		40	40	Moore Henry	W	In	37				1			Farmer	6								1	1	Ky	Ky	N Car
42				Hellen	W	F	37		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn
43				Esther	W	F	13		Daught	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Tenn
44				Mary	W	F	12		Daught	1				at Home									1	1	Ky	Ky	Tenn
45				James M	W	In	10		Son														1	1	Ky	Ky	Tenn
46				Daniel	W	In	7		Son																Ky	Ky	Tenn
47				Martha Jane	W	F	5		Daught																Ky	Ky	Tenn
48				William F	W	In	3		Son																Ky	Ky	Tenn
49		41	41	Reynolds Thomas	W	M	46				1			Farmer									1	1	Ky	Ky	Ky
50				Sarah	W	F	40		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	S Car	S Car	S Car

Note D.—In columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—"Ky" be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Mi... will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
... an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

"1880 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4242111-00187?pId=34783594 : accessed 8 Nov 2021), Missouri > Stone > Williams > 122 > Image 3 of 12.

8. MARY (b. abt. 1815, d. bef. Jan 1832)

Birth: abt. 1815 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Death: bef. Jan 1832, likely in Ripley County, Indiana

Mary was the seventh child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. I have found no record positively identifying her date and place of birth; however, she is identified as an heir in her father's will with the rest of his children. Mary is listed between Maranda[7] (b. 1814) and Edward[9] (b. 1816). Assuming the children are listed in order of birth, we can place Mary's birth as abt. 1815 in Kentucky, likely, Clark County, as this is where her parents were married and, based upon the 1810 Clark County, Kentucky census, were living at the time.[1,2]

In 1819, Mary's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Mary enumerated as a female < 10 years old.[3,4]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

I have found no additional records positively identifying Mary until the Nov 1831 term of the Ripley County, Indiana Probate Court when the Executors of her father's estate were ordered to distribute the proceeds of the estate sale. In the initial order of distribution, Mary was to receive her proportional share of $14.62. A subsequent order of the Court directs the Executors to give Mary's proportional share to her mother, Rose, because Mary had "departed this life since the order for distribution at a former term of this Court." Based on other information in this record, which is not included in Figure 1.19, it appears this probate minute was written abt. Jan 1832, placing Mary's death prior to then. Her death was likely in Ripley County, Indiana.[5,6]

During the early 19th Century, Polly was a common nickname for Mary. West Fork Baptist Church records identify a Polly Roberts as an early member of that church. Since Mary's sister, Maranda, is identified in this record and many of our Roberts ancestors, as well as many of the

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[1] See Figure 1.13. Edward Roberts[1] Will.

[2] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky. Family members reflected in the census are:
- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

[3] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.

[4] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.

[5] See Figure 1.18. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Order of Distribution.

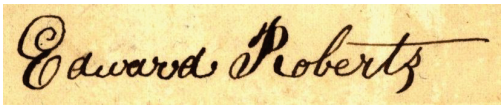
[6] See Figure 1.19B. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Distribution of Mary Roberts[8] Inheritance.

families into which the Roberts married, were members of the church, might this entry show Mary as an early member?[7]

Before leaving Mary, one piece of misinformation needs to be put to rest. One source places Mary's birth as abt. 1814 and that she married a James H. Prather on 5 May 1840 in Ripley County, Indiana. As has been shown in this sketch, Mary passed away bef. Jan 1832, so information about her from this source, beyond her approximate year of birth, is incorrect.[8]

[7] See Figure 3.2. West Fork Baptist Church - Names of Members Received from Constitution to January 1829.
[8] See Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.

9. EDWARD (b. abt. 1816, d. aft. 1889)



Signature on 10 Apr 1837 acknowledgment of receiving his father's inheritance from brother John S. Roberts[4].

Birth: abt. 1816 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: 16 Mar 1837 to Susanna Fallis in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. abt. 1808 in Kentucky; d. aft. 1889).

- Rebecca Roberts
  - b. abt. 1838 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - d. _____.
- David F. Roberts
  - b. 18 Sep 1839 in Bennington, Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 24 Aug 1865 to Amanda E. Dennis in Shelby County, Indiana (b. 18 Mar 1841 in Indiana; d. 14 May 1914 in Pleasanton, Linn County, Kansas).
  - d. 17 Apr 1918 in Wilmore, Comanche County, Kansas.
- Nancy Roberts
  - b. 29 Apr 1841 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 22 Oct 1858 to John James McKim in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. 25 Feb 1832 in Warren County, Ohio; d. 27 Aug 1911 in Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky).
  - d. 16 Nov 1915 in Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky.
- Isabella Roberts
  - b. 5 Mar 1843 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 14 Oct 1860 to Thomas William Ward in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. 1839 in Indiana; d. 5 Apr 1919).
  - d. 5 Aug 1880.
- Simeon S. Roberts
  - b. 27 Oct 1844 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 30 Aug 1866 to Margaret McGuire in Ohio County, Indiana (b. 1850 in Indiana; d. 1926).
  - d. 7 Nov 1921 in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana.
- John William Roberts
  - b. 5 Oct 1846 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 30 Mar 1870 to Sarah E. Bennett in Decatur County, Indiana.
  - d. 30 Mar 1909 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.
- Eliza Ann Roberts
  - b. 11 Feb 1849 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 3 Jul 1867 to Jackson Oliver Perry Myers in Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana.
  - d. 11 Sep 1924 in Tilton, Vermilion County, Illinois.

- Sarah Martha Roberts
  - b. 12 Apr 1852 in Switzerland County, Indiana.
  - m. 10 Feb 1869 to Thomas Benton Winkley in Dearborn County, Indiana.
  - d. 14 May 1913 in York, Dearborn County, Indiana.

Death: aft. 1889.

Edward was the eighth child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. I have found no record positively identifying his date and place of birth; however, census records consistently place his birth as abt. 1816 in Kentucky. He received his inheritance from his father's estate on 10 Apr 1837, presumably having reached the age of majority (21 years), which also suggests an 1816 birth. Another source gives his birth as 7 Apr 1816 in Kentucky. He was likely born in Clark County, Kentucky since that is where his parents were married and, based upon the 1810 Clark County, Kentucky census, were living at the time. Edward's brother, Elijah[10], also received his inheritance in 1837, so it is possible they were twins.[1,2,3]

In 1819, Edward's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Edward enumerated as a male < 10 years old.[4,5]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1830, Edward's brother, John[4], was appointed guardian for both he and his brother, Elijah[10], after their father's death sometime before 3 May 1830. I have not found an 1830 census that positively reflects John and his known family at that time. No John Roberts is enumerated in the Ripley County, Indiana census. The 1830 census record that appears to most closely match John's known family members, including Edward[9] and Elijah[10], is for Switzerland County, Indiana.[6,7]

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[1] See Figure 1.20. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Edward[9] and Elijah W. Roberts[10] Estate Settlements.
[2] See Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.
[3] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky. Family members reflected in the census are:
- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
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- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

[4] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[5] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[6] See Figure 1.19A. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Appointment of Guardian.
[7] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.

- Male < 5 – 1 (Charles[12])
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 (William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10])
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 (either Edward[9] or Elijah[10])
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 (John[4])
- Female < 5 – 1 (Sarah[13])
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 (Unknown)
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 (Jane)

There are some discrepancies, however, with this census. Birth dates for Edward and Elijah, are not positively known; however, in Apr and Aug 1837, John gave his brothers their inheritance from their father's estate, apparently having reached the age of majority – 21 years of age. This places their birth abt. 1816 and both boys should be reflected in the male, aged 10 to < 15 group. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear in that, or subsequent, census records.

On 16 Mar 1837, Edward married Susanna (Fallis) Mix in Switzerland County, Indiana. Susanna was about eight years his senior and prior to Edward, she had married Lyman Wallick Mix on 3 Sep 1829 in Switzerland County. They had three children, Samuel, Adaline, and Lyman, before her husband passed away on 9 Mar 1836 in Switzerland County. The Mix children lived in the Roberts household after their father's death while Edward and Susanna built their own family. The family remained in Switzerland County until at least 1863, after which they migrated to Ohio County, Indiana, then to Dearborn County, Indiana by 1880.[8,9,10]

The 1840 census shows the Roberts family in Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana, with Edward engaged in agriculture.[11]

- Male < 5 – 2 (Lyman Mix & David F. Roberts)
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 (Samuel Mix)
- Male 20 to < 30 – 1 (Edward[9])
- Female < 5 – 1 (Rebecca Roberts)
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 (Adaline Mix)
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 (Susanna)

On 16 Oct 1849, Edward was appointed the third Postmaster of the Bennington Post Office in Switzerland County and was reappointed to that position on 29 Mar 1852 while continuing to reside in Pleasant Township.[12,13]

[8] Figure 9.1. Edward Roberts[9] and Susanna (Fallis) Mix Marriage Record.
[9] Figure 9.2. Susanna Fallis and Lyman Wallick Mix Marriage Record.
[10] https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/167972393/lyman-wallick-mix.
[11] Figure 9.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[12] Figure 9.4. Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[13] Figure 9.5. 1850 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.

On 10 May 1859, Edward was appointed the third Postmaster for the Sugar Branch Post Office in Switzerland County as it appears this is about the time the family migrated east to Cotton Township. The 1860 census identifies his occupation as "Merchant" and Susanna's son, Samuel Mix, who was still living in the home, is listed as "Clerk." Since Edward was the Sugar Branch Postmaster, why would his occupation have been identified as Merchant? While we cannot know for sure, perhaps the post office was located in a general store, as was common in the era, and the enumerator identified the nature of the business in which the post office was located, rather than Edward's actual occupation. Samuel may have been a clerk in that store. Some credibility is given to this theory with the discovery of original records from the Sugar Branch general store – a Sugar Branch Post Office form with "E. Roberts, P. M." preprinted and ledgers identifying purchases made by "Edward Roberts" in the general store in May, Jun, Oct, and Nov 1860![14,15,16]

The family remained in Switzerland County until 1863 or 1864, then moved north to Ohio County (Pike Township), Indiana where Edward was appointed Postmaster of the Bear Branch Post Office on 31 Aug 1864. He served in that capacity until 12 Mar 1867. By 1870, Edward and Susanna has moved to Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana where Edward is identified as a Minister.[17,18]

By 1880, Edward and Susanna had moved further north to Dearborn County, Indiana, settling in the town of Lawrenceburgh. His occupation is listed as "Saddler" and their grandson, Robert McKim (son of daughter Nancy and her husband, John James McKim) is shown living with the family as an apprentice. After arriving in Lawrenceburgh, Edward established a harness shop on Walnut Street. An arsonist's fire on 7 Feb 1889 completely destroyed his shop and the adjacent grocery store. Rather than attempt to rebuild his shop, it appears Edward chose this time to retire as later that year, he and Susanna moved to Indianapolis to make their home with "their daughter, Mrs. Mix." Edward and Susanna were probably living with Susanna's son Lyman Mix, who is the only son or daughter I have found living in Indianapolis proximate to this time.[19,20,21,22]

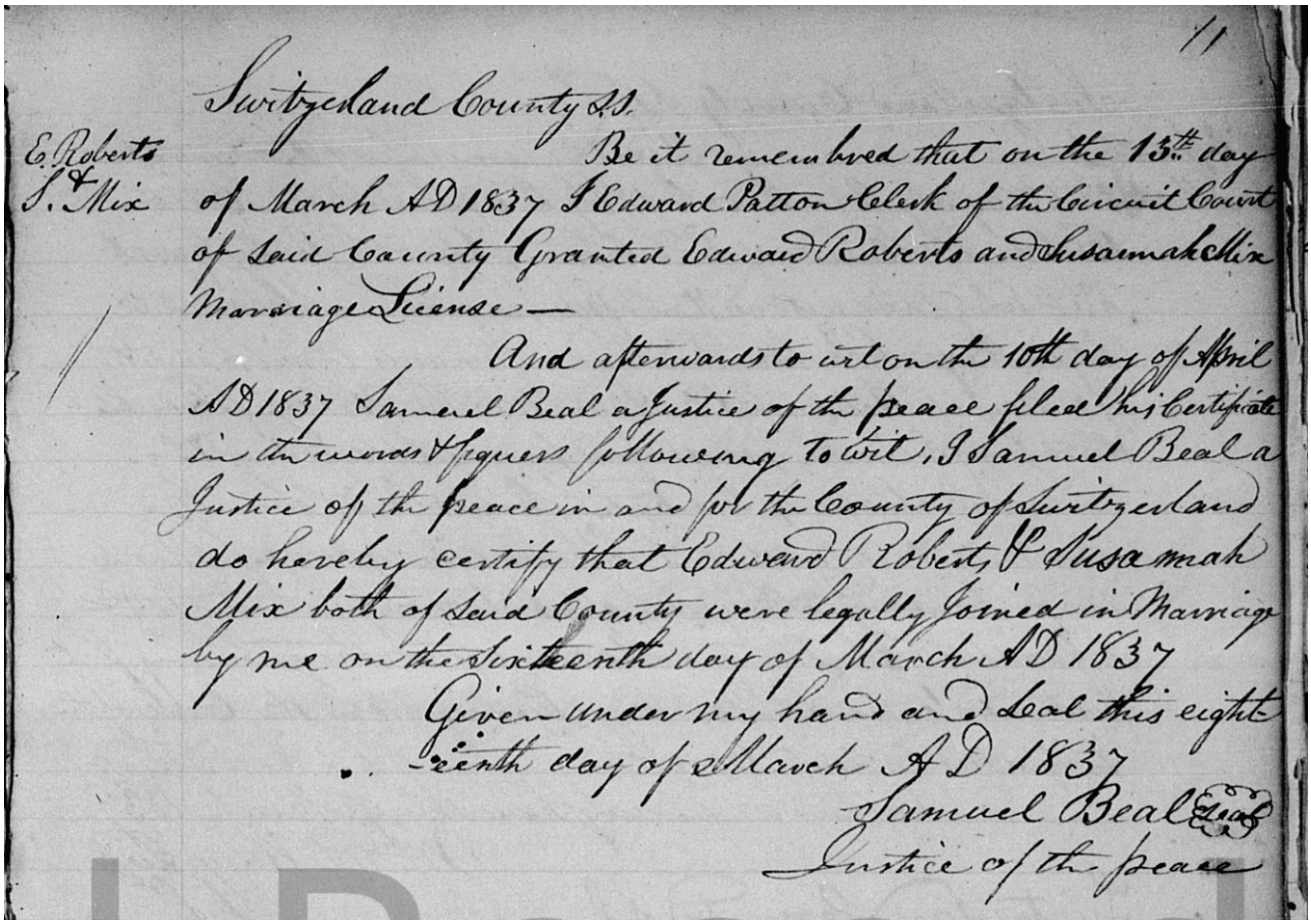
I have found no further record of Edward or Susanna after the 1889 arsonist's fire, so I have listed his death as aft. 1889. *Holland* (Figure 1.2) states Edward passed away 15 Mar 1896, with no location of death or source for this date identified. She also identifies Edward's full name as Charles Edward Roberts; however, I have found no record of a Charles Roberts, Charles Edward Roberts, or C. E. Roberts in any of the locations at which Edward is known to have lived.

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[14] See Figure 9.4. Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[15] Figure 9.6. 1860 United States Federal Census – Cotton Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[16] Figure 9.7. Ledgers from the Sugar Branch General Store.
[17] Figure 9.8. Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, Ohio County, Indiana.
[18] Figure 9.9. 1870 United States Federal Census – Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana.
[19] Figure 9.10. 1880 United States Federal Census – Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn County, Indiana.
[20] Figure 9.11. Newspaper Clipping – Edward Roberts[9] Arsonist's Fire.
[21] Figure 9.12. Newspaper Clipping – Edward Roberts[9] Move to Indianapolis.
[22] Figure 9.13. Excerpt from 1893 Indianapolis, Indiana City Directory.

Figure 9.1

Edward Roberts[9] and Susanna (Fallis) Mix Marriage Record



Switzerland County ss.

E. Roberts
S. Mix

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of March AD 1837 I Edward Patton Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County Granted Edward Roberts and Susamah Mix Marriage License—

And afterwards to wit on the 10th day of April AD 1837 Samuel Beal a Justice of the peace filed his Certificate in the words & figures following to wit, I Samuel Beal a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Switzerland do hereby certify that Edward Robert & Susamah Mix both of said County were legally joined in Marriage by me on the Sixteenth day of March AD 1837

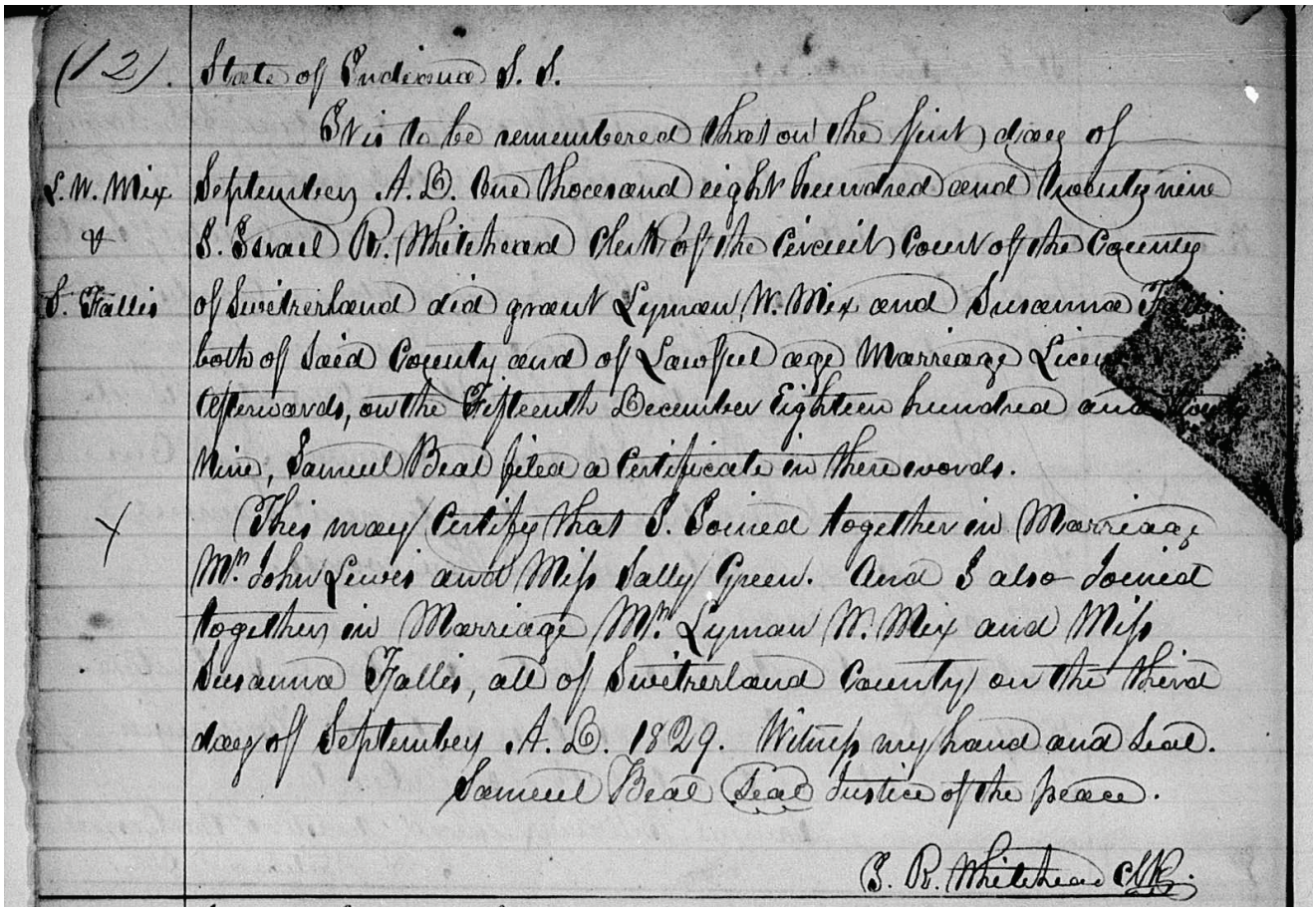
Given under my hand and seal this eighteenth day of March AD 1837

Samuel Beal [Seal]
Justice of the peace

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Figure 9.2

Susanna Fallis and Lyman Wallick Mix Marriage Record



(12). State of Indiana S. S.

L. W. Mix
&
S. Fallis

Be it to be remembered that on the first day of September A. D. One Thousand eight hundred and Twenty nine S. Samuel R. Whitehead Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Switzerland did grant Lyman W. Mix and Susanna Fallis both of said County and of Lawful age Marriage Licence Jeperisaveds, on the Fifteenth December Eighteen hundred and Twenty Nine, Samuel Beal filed a Certificate in Thereaveds.

This may Certify that I Joined together in Marriage Mr. John Lewis and Miss Sally Green. And I also Joined together in Marriage Mr. Lyman W. Mix and Miss Susanna Fallis, all of Switzerland County on the third day of September A. D. 1829. Witness my hand and Seal.

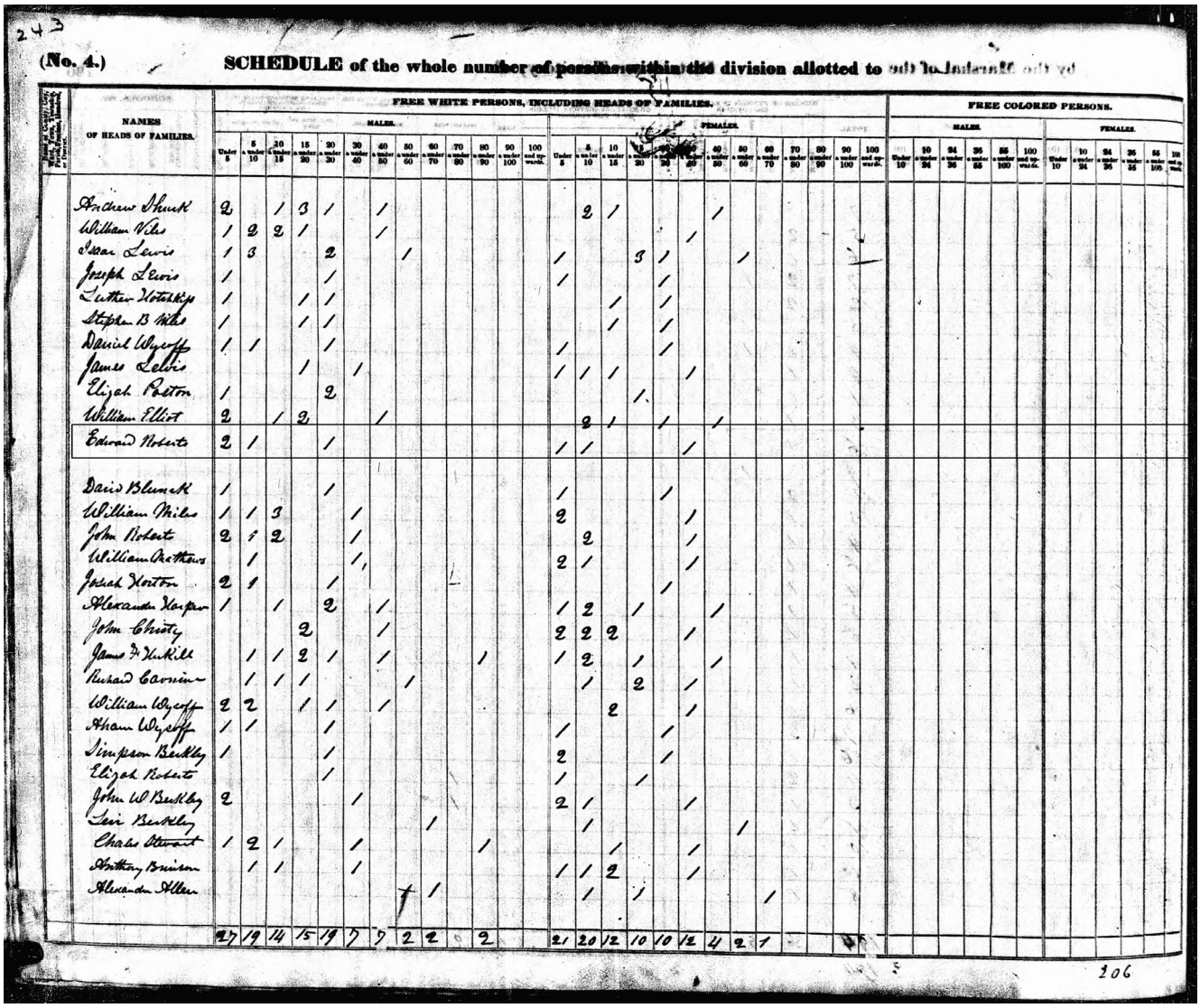
Samuel Beal Seal Justice of the Peace.

S. R. Whitehead Clk

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007," database with images, *Family Search*, (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939N-T199-1X?i=7&cc=1410397 : accessed 12 Nov 2021), Switzerland > 1829-1837 > Image 8 of 175.

Figure 9.3 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



(No. 4.) **SCHEDULE** of the whole number of persons within this division allotted to [illegible]

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																								FREE COLORED PERSONS.									
	MALES.												FEMALES.												MALES.						FEMALES.					
	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 under 24	24 under 36	36 under 55	55 under 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 under 24	24 under 36	36 under 55	55 under 100	100 and upwards
Andrew Shunk	2		1	3	1		1								2	1				1															
William Viles	1	2	2	1			1												1																
Isaac Lewis	1	3			2			1						1			3	1		1															
Joseph Lewis	1				1									1				1																	
Sutton Hotchkiss	1			1	1											1		1																	
Stephen B Miles	1			1	1											1		1																	
Daniel Wycoff	1	1			1									1				1																	
James Lebo				1		1								1	1	1			1																
Elijah Poston	1				2												1																		
William Elliot	2		1	2			1								2	1		1		1															
Edward Roberts	2	1			1									1	1				1																
David Blunck	1				1									1				1																	
William Miles	1	1	3			1								2					1																
John Roberts	2	1	2			1									2				1																
William Matthews		1				1								2	1				1																
Josiah Horton	2	1			1													1																	
Alexander Harper	1		1		2		1							1	2		1		1																
John Christy				2			1							2	2	2			1																
James D Hinkle		1	1	2	1		1				1			1	2		1			1																
Richard Cannon		1	1	1				1							1		2		1																
William Wycoff	2	2		1	1		1									2			1																
Abram Wycoff	1	1			1									1				1																	
Simpson Beckley	1				1									2				1																	
Elijah Roberts					1									1			1																		
John W Beckley	2					1								2	1				1																
Levi Beckley									1						1					1															
Charles Stewart	1	2	1			1				1						1			1																
Anthony Brinson		1	1			1								1	1	2			1																
Alexander Allen							1	1							1		1			1																
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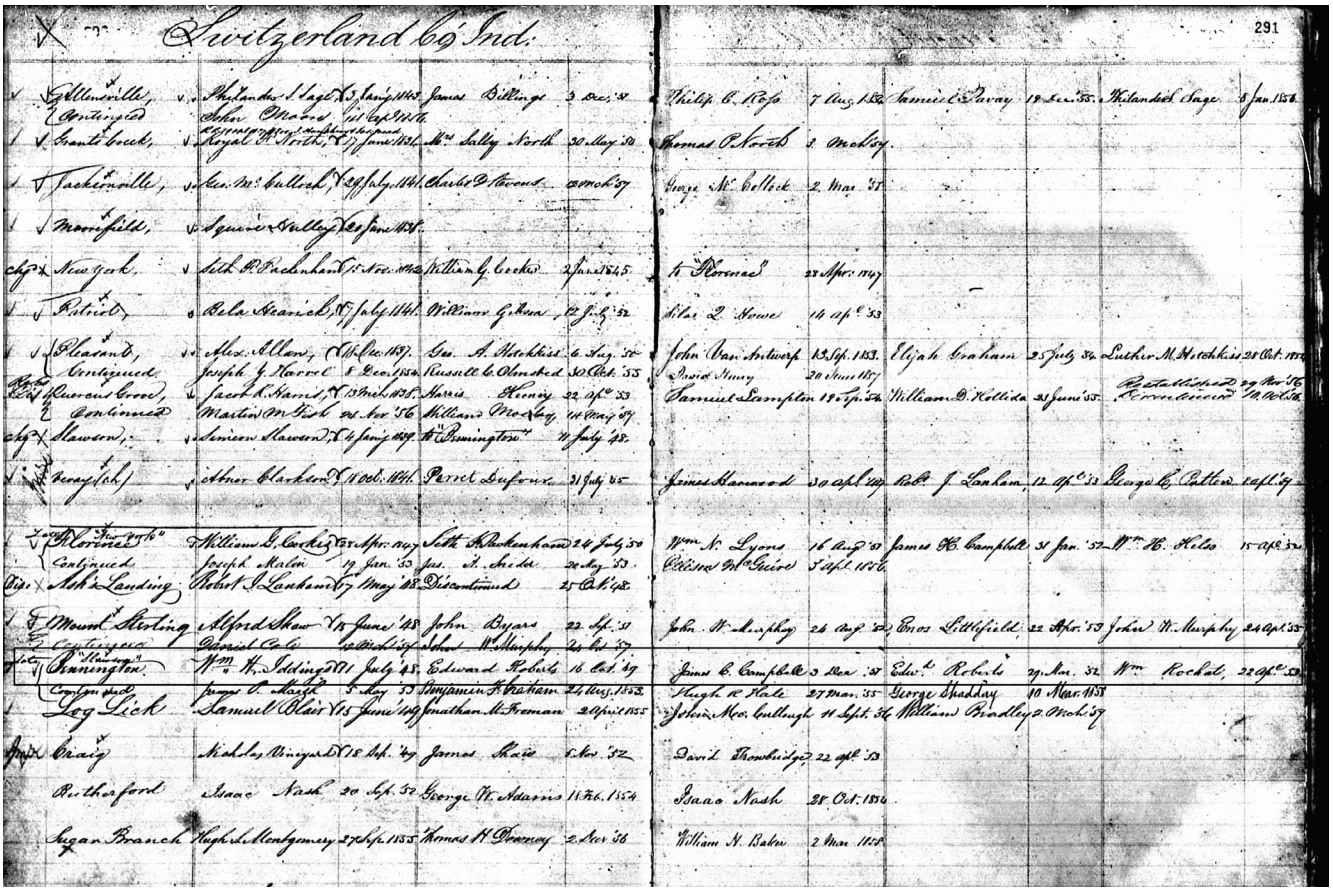
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Figure 9.4

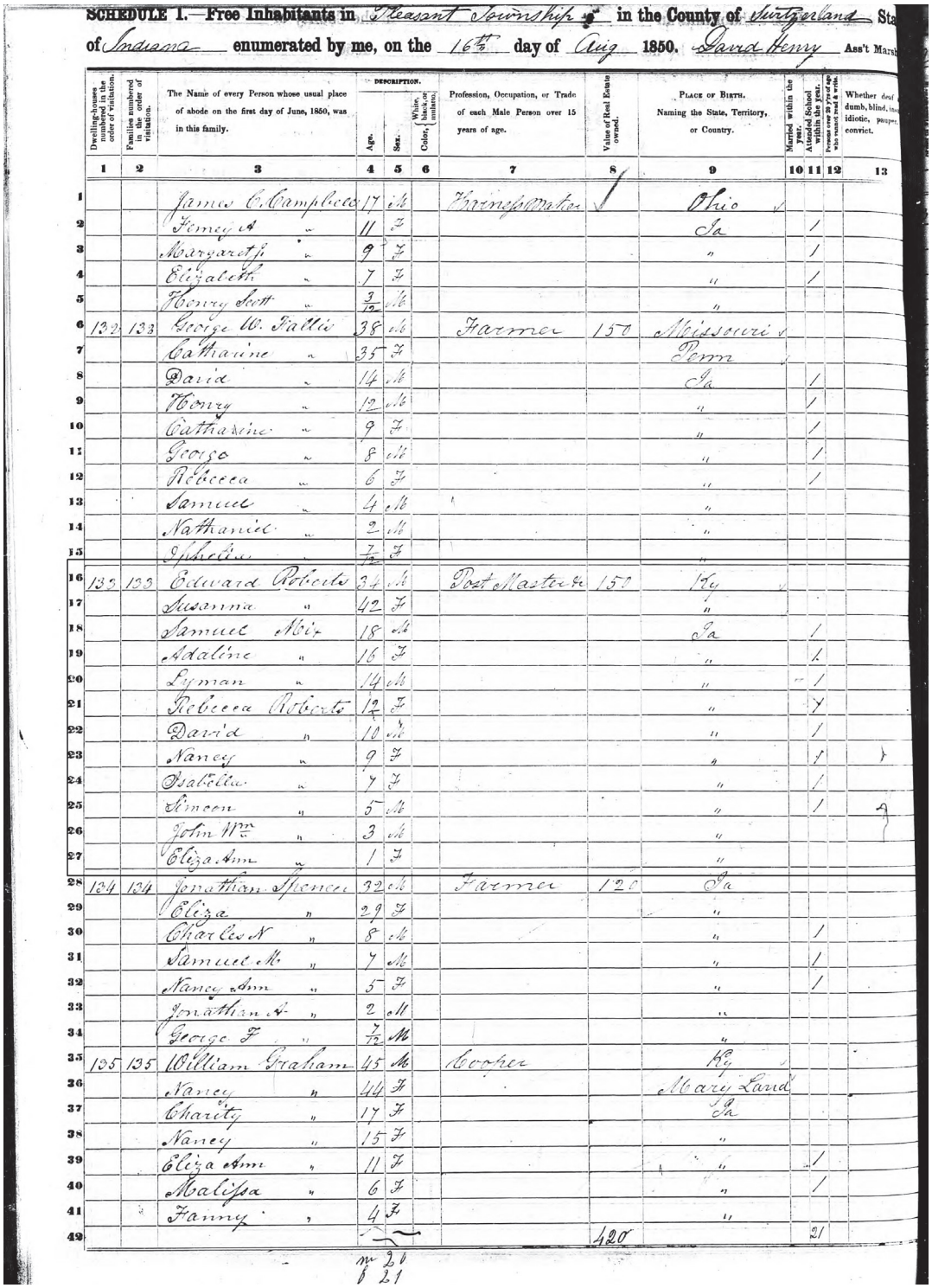
Appointments of US Postmasters, Switzerland County, Indiana



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Figure 9.5

1850 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Pleasant Township in the County of Switzerland State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 16th day of Aug 1850. David Henry Ass't Marshal

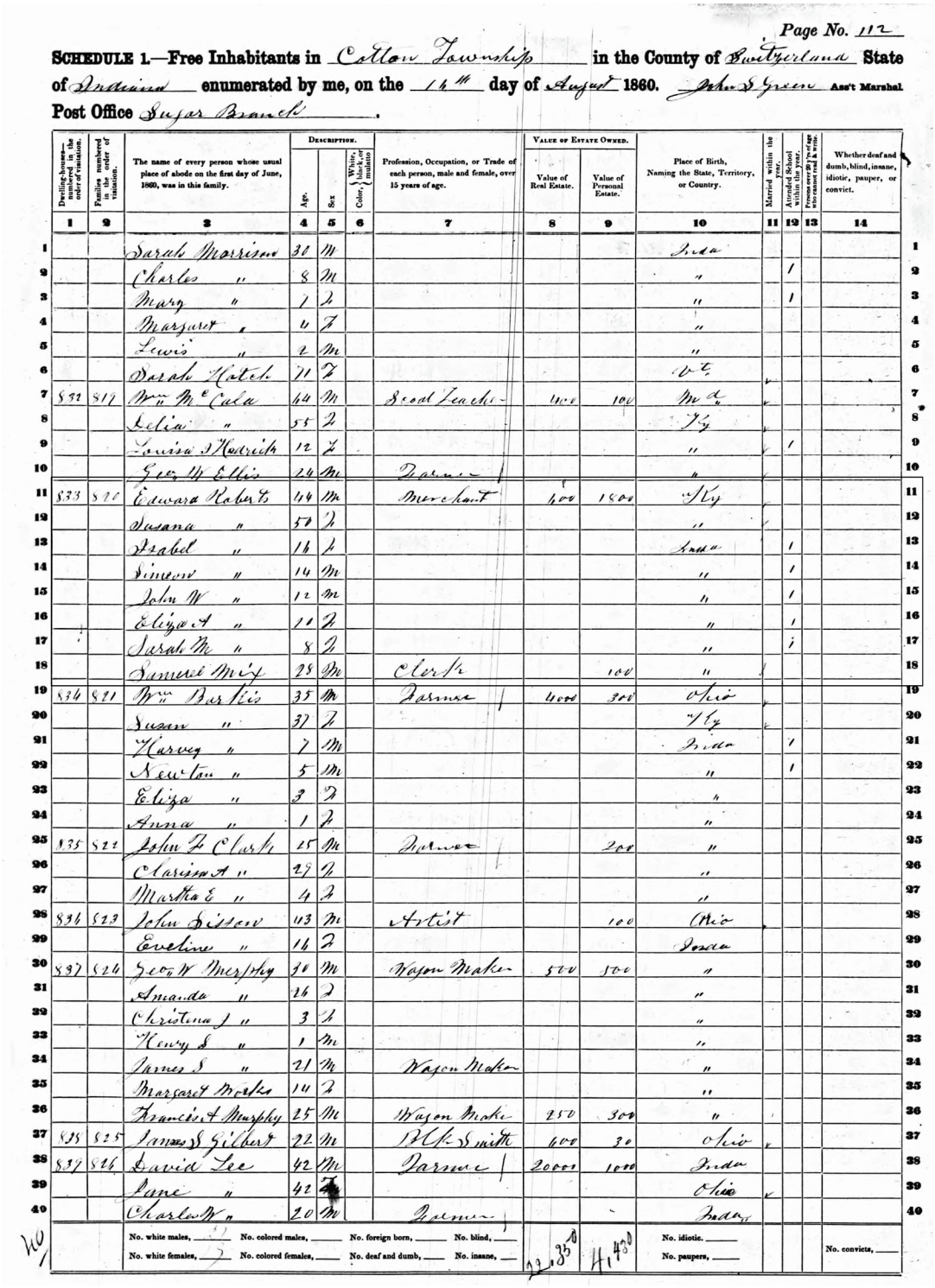
Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1		James C. Campbell	17	M		Farmers Mate		Ohio				
2		Jemey A "	11	F				Ia		1		
3		Margaret J "	9	F				"		1		
4		Elizabeth "	7	F				"		1		
5		Henry Scott "	3/12	M				"				
6	132	133 George W. Fallis	38	M		Farmer	150	Missouri				
7		Catharine "	35	F				Penn				
8		David "	14	M				Ia		1		
9		Henry "	12	M				"		1		
10		Catharine "	9	F				"		1		
11		George "	8	M				"		1		
12		Rebecca "	6	F				"		1		
13		Samuel "	4	M				"				
14		Nathaniel "	2	M				"				
15		Sybella "	7/12	F				"				
16	133	134 Edward Roberts	34	M		Post Master	150	Ky				
17		Susanna "	42	F				"				
18		Samuel Hiz "	18	M				Ia		1		
19		Adaline "	16	F				"		1		
20		Lyman "	14	M				"		1		
21		Rebecca Roberts "	12	F				"		1		
22		David "	10	M				"		1		
23		Nancy "	9	F				"		1		
24		Isabella "	7	F				"		1		
25		Simeon "	5	M				"		1		
26		John Wm "	3	M				"				
27		Eliza Ann "	1	F				"				
28	134	135 Jonathan Spencer	32	M		Farmer	120	Ia				
29		Eliza "	29	F				"				
30		Charles N "	8	M				"		1		
31		Samuel M "	7	M				"		1		
32		Nancy Ann "	5	F				"		1		
33		Jonathan A "	2	M				"				
34		George F "	7/12	M				"				
35	135	136 William Graham	45	M		Cooper		Ky				
36		Nancy "	44	F				Mary Land				
37		Charity "	17	F				Ia				
38		Nancy "	15	F				"				
39		Eliza Ann "	11	F				"		1		
40		Malissa "	6	F				"		1		
41		Fanny "	4	F				"				
42							420			21		

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F 21

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Figure 9.6

1860 United States Federal Census – Cotton Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



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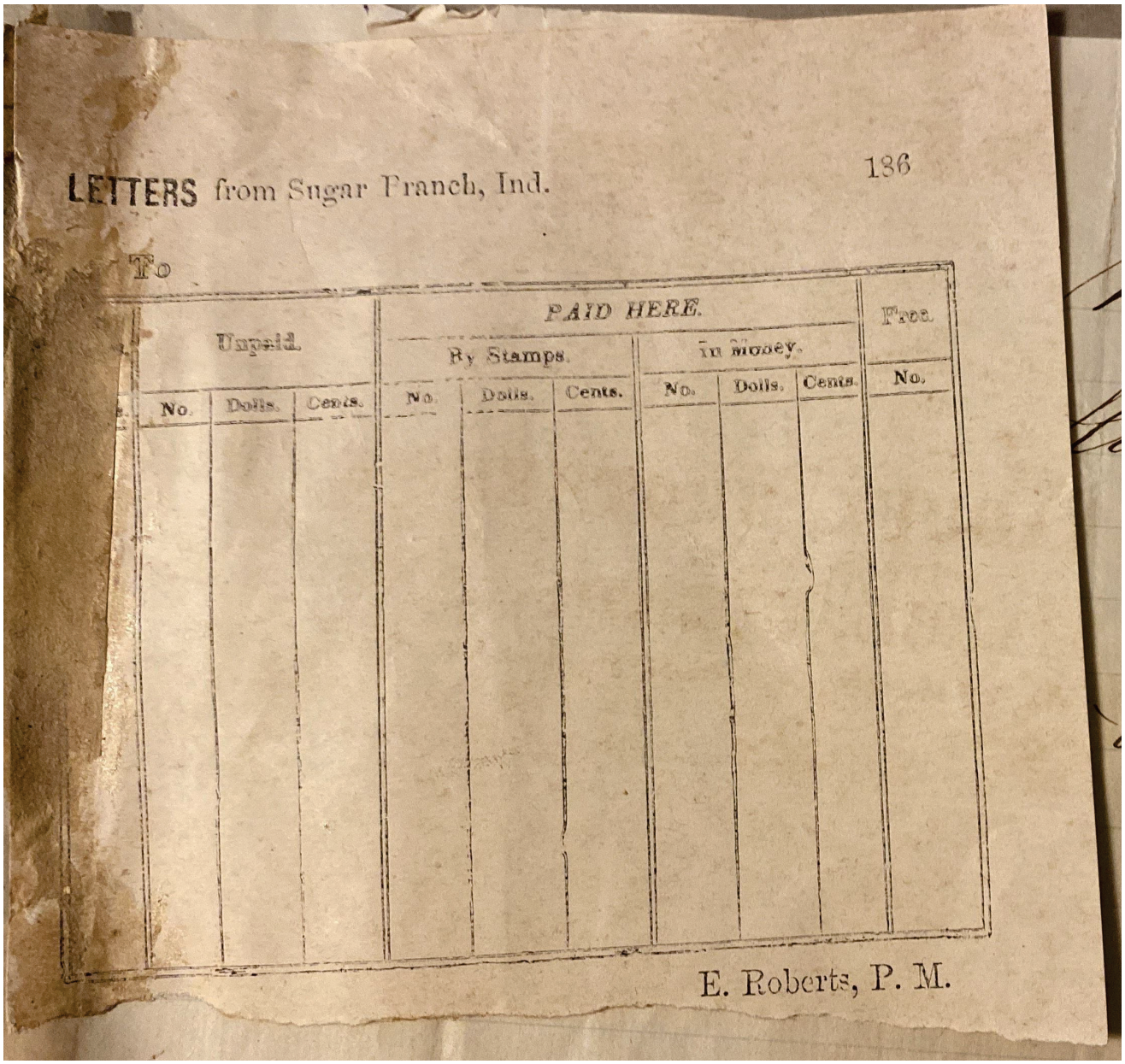
SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Cotton Township in the County of Switzerland State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 14th day of August 1860. John S Green Ass't Marshal.
Post Office Sugar Branch.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1		Sarah Morrison	31	M					Ireland					1
2		Charles "	8	M					"		1			2
3		Mary "	1	F					"		1			3
4		Margaret "	4	F					"					4
5		Lewis "	2	M					"					5
6		Sarah Hatch	71	F					Vt					6
7	891	817	Wm M Cala	44	M		Wood Teacher	400	100	Md				7
8			Celia "	55	F					Ky				8
9			Louisa J Hendrick	12	F					"		1		9
10			Geo W Ellis	24	M		Farmer			"				10
11	833	820	Edward Roberts	44	M		Merchant	600	1800	Ky				11
12			Susana "	50	F					"				12
13			Isabel "	16	F					Ind		1		13
14			Simeon "	14	M					"		1		14
15			John W "	12	M					"		1		15
16			Eliza A "	10	F					"		1		16
17			Sarah M "	8	F					"		1		17
18			Samuel Mix	28	M		Clerk		100	"				18
19	834	821	Wm Burtis	35	M		Farmer	4000	300	Ohio				19
20			Susan "	37	F					Ky				20
21			Harvey "	7	M					Ind		1		21
22			Newton "	5	M					"		1		22
23			Eliza "	3	F					"				23
24			Anna "	1	F					"				24
25	835	822	John F Clarke	25	M		Farmer		200	"				25
26			Clarissa A "	29	F					"				26
27			Martha E "	4	F					"				27
28	836	823	John Dissor	43	M		Artist		100	Ohio				28
29			Eveline "	16	F					Iowa				29
30	837	824	Geo W Murphy	30	M		Wagon Maker	500	500	"				30
31			Amanda "	26	F					"				31
32			Christena J "	3	F					"				32
33			Henry S "	1	M					"				33
34			James S "	21	M		Wagon Maker			"				34
35			Margaret Meeks	14	F					"				35
36			Francis A Murphy	25	M		Wagon Maker	250	300	"				36
37	838	825	James S Gilbert	22	M		Blk Smith	600	30	Ohio				37
38	839	826	David Lee	42	M		Farmer	20000	1000	Indiana				38
39			Jane "	42	F					Ohio				39
40			Charles W "	20	M		Farmer			Indiana				40
40	1		No. white males, 21 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____ No. white females, 2 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____				22,350	4,450	No. idiotic. ____ No. paupers, ____				No. convicts, ____	

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Figure 9.7 (5 images)

Ledgers from the Sugar Branch General Store



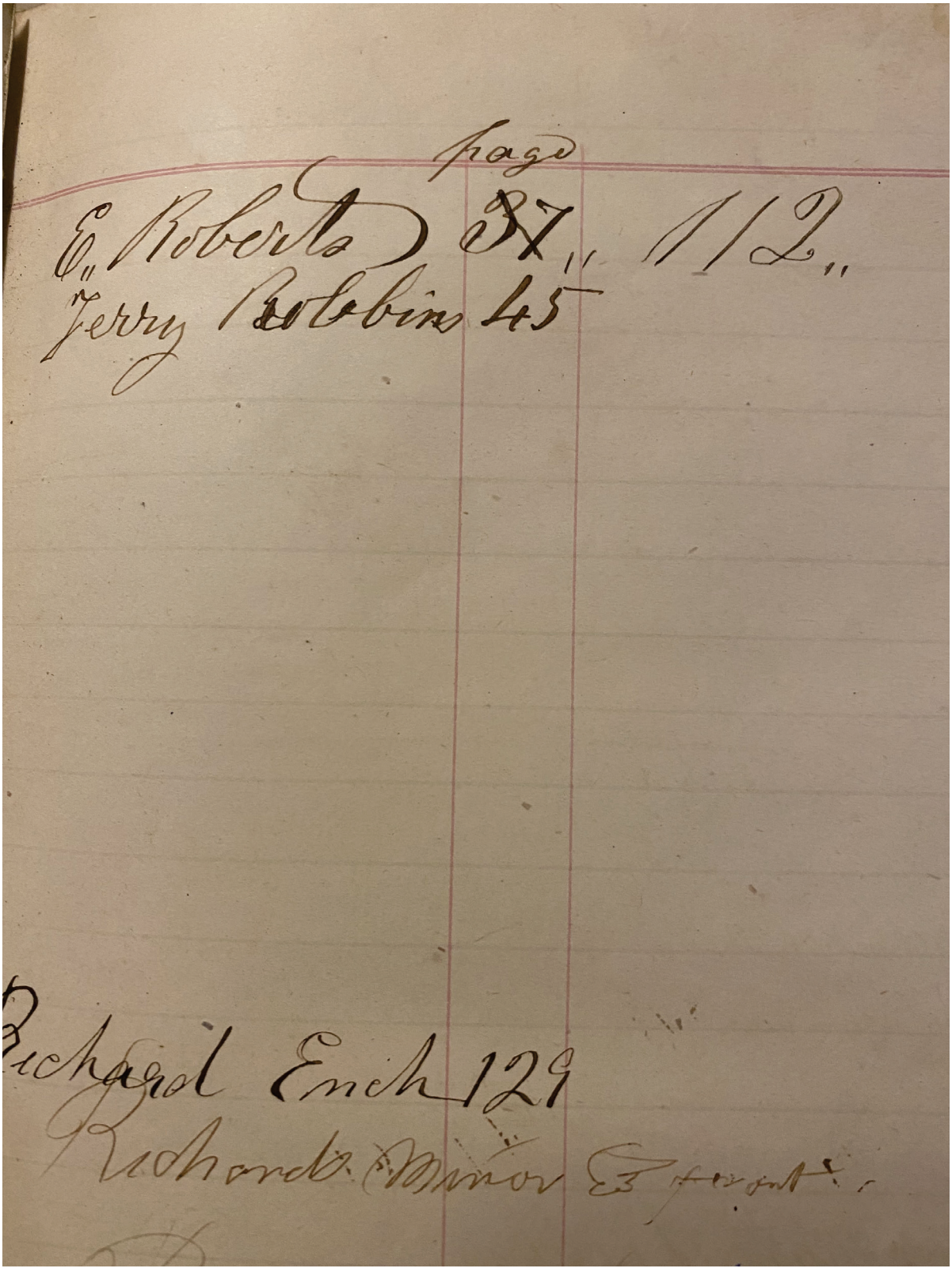
LETTERS from Sugar Franch, Ind. 136

To

Unpaid.			PAID HERE.						Free.
			By Stamps.			In Money.			
No.	Dolls.	Cents.	No.	Dolls.	Cents.	No.	Dolls.	Cents.	No.

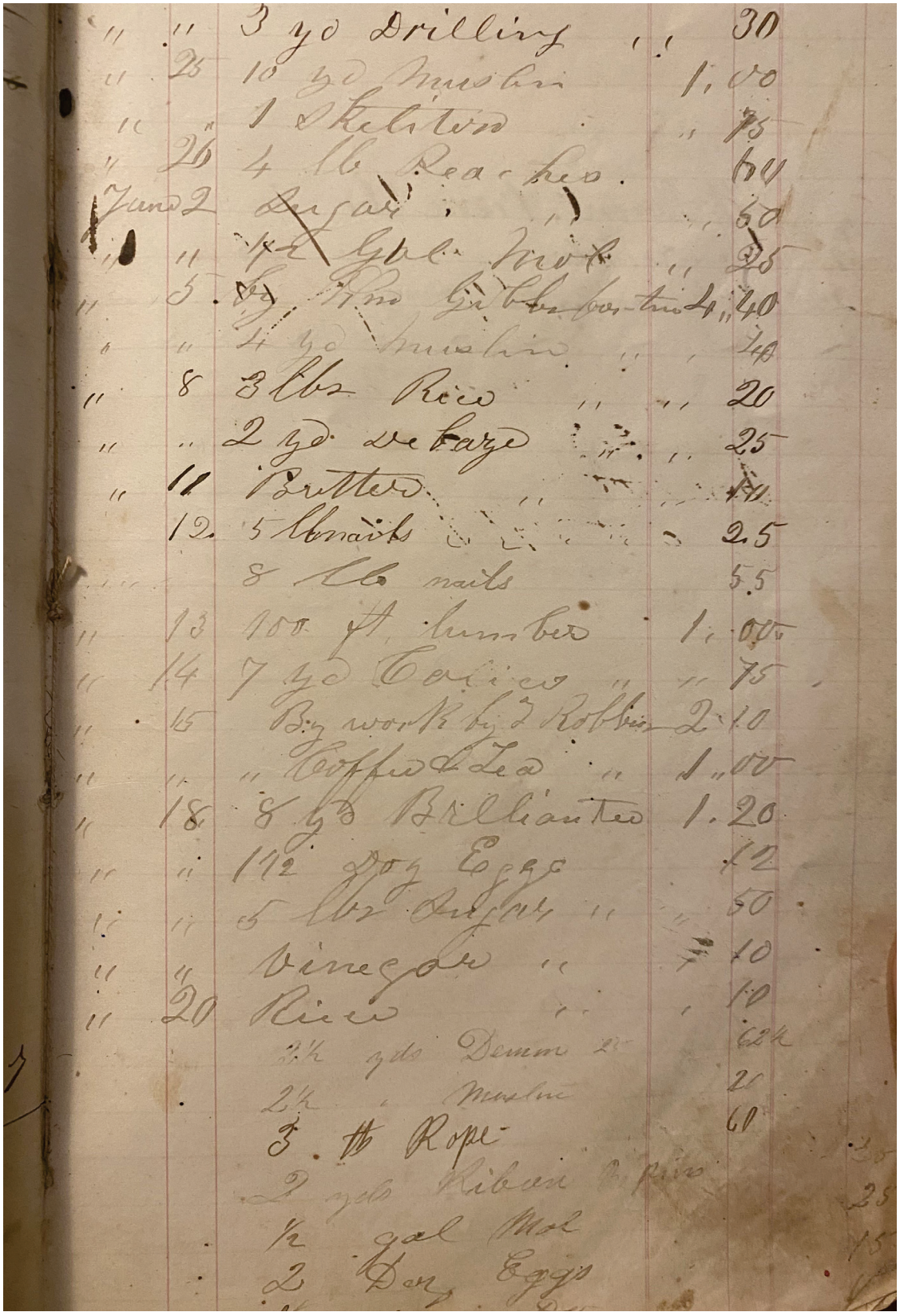
E. Roberts, P. M.

Received via email on 29 and 30 Jan 2022 from Kelly E. Lee whose 2x great grandfather, James H. Gibbs *(Kelly E. Lee > Thomas Lee > Archie Lee > Nellie Gibbs > James H. Gibbs)* owned a general store in Sugar Branch, Switzerland County, Indiana from the mid-1850s until his death in 1904. Kelly stated the post office form and ledgers are from his general store and were handed down by her 2x great grandfather.


page
E. Roberts 37 1/2
Jerry Robbins 45
Richard Enoch 129
Richard Minor Estate

Edward Roberts Dr. Cr.

1860					
May	1	From old book	$109.42		
"	"	Cr. do. do.			$55 60
"	2	Coffee	.50		
"	5	1 Lb Lead	.50		
"	"	1¼ yd Casimere	.25		
"	10	4 yd Muslin	.40		
"	"	Cr. by cash			14 50
"	14	1 Knife	.60		
"	15	5 yd Mus	.50		
"	"	6 do Lawn	.60		
"	19	9 yd Ticking	1.50		
"	"	2 lbs Peaches	.30		
"	21	1 Umbrella	1.00		
"	"	3 yd Drilling	.30		
"	25	10 yd Muslin	1.00		
"	"	1 Skeleton	.75		
"	26	4 lb Peaches	.60		
June	2	Sugar	.50		
"	11	¼ Gal Mol	.25		
"	5	8 lbs Pea Beans	.40		
"	"	4 yd Muslin	.40		



E Roberts Dr Cr

1860

Oct 23 Cr by cash $ 8 60

Nov 5 1 Coat 7 50

Coffee 50

9 Butter & Button 25

13 1 Yd Calico 12½

" " 14 By Cash Ben Roberts 4 75

Coffee Sugar & Tea 2 20

" 17 " Butter " 1 28½

16 61

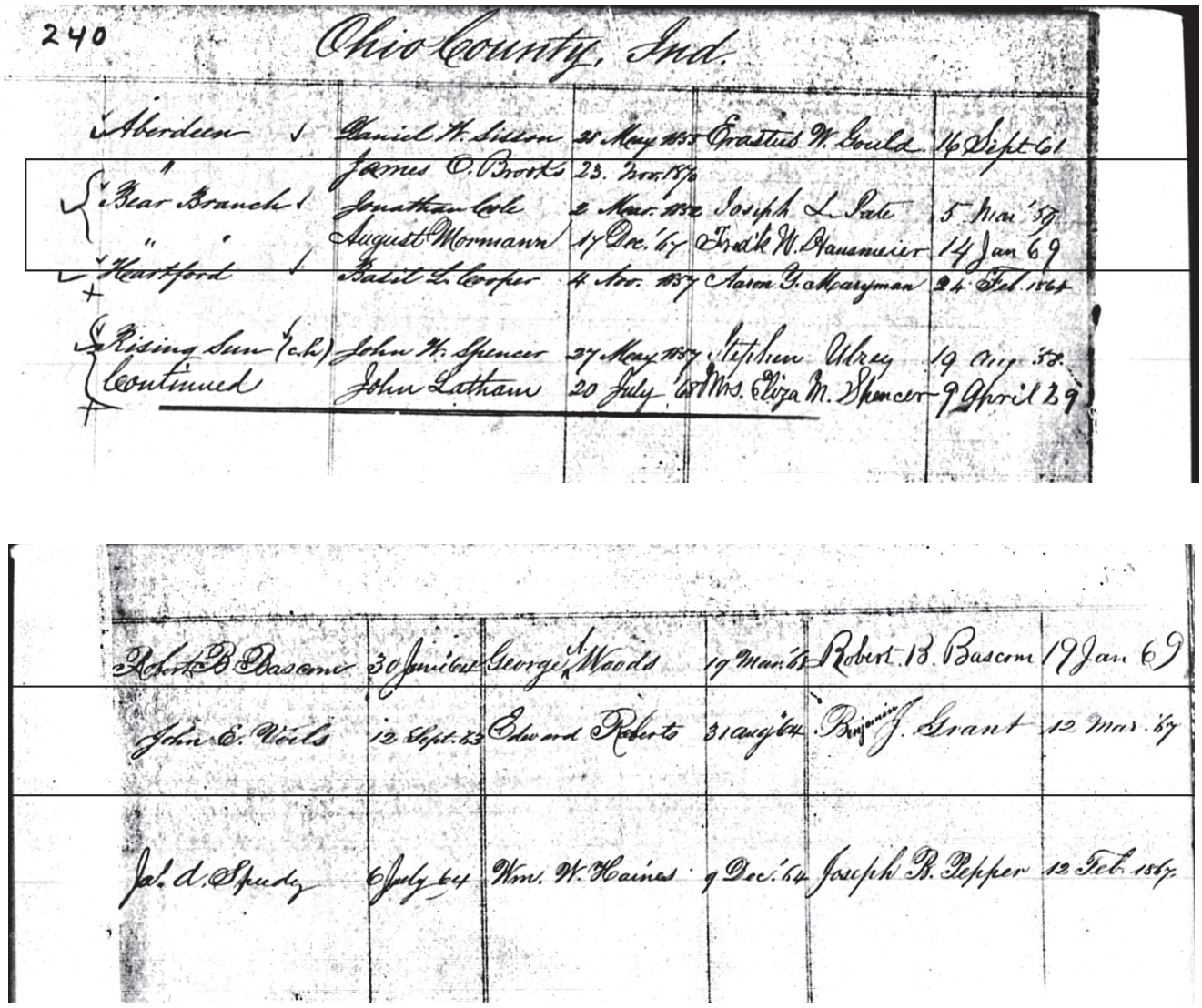
Dec 6 W J McAuley Dr

To 1 pair Shoes delv $ 1 00

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Figure 9.8

Appointments of US Postmasters, Ohio County, Indiana



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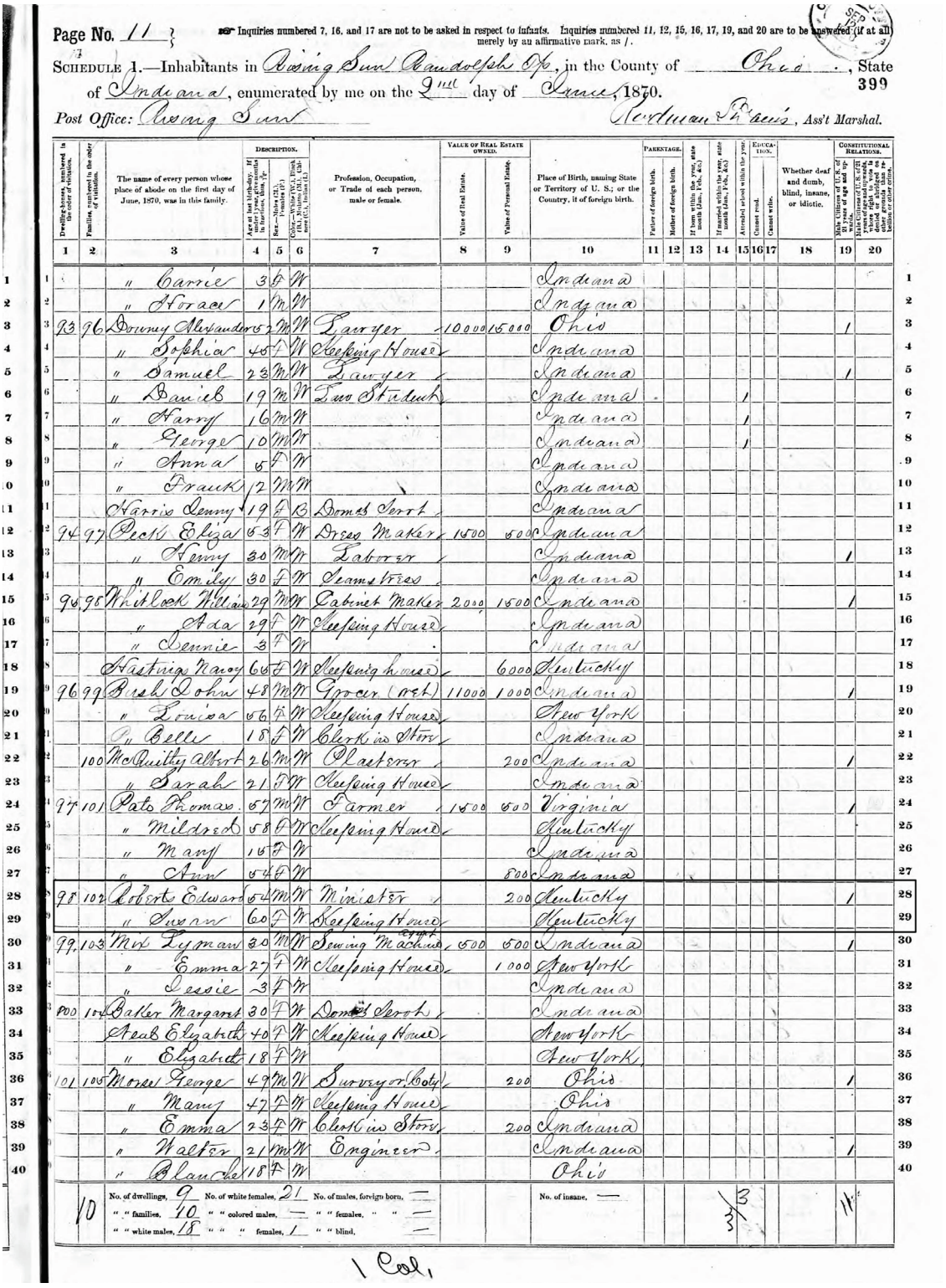
Aberdeen ✓	Daniel H. Sisson	28 May 1855	Erastus W. Gould	16 Sept 61
	James O. Brooks	23. Nov. 1870		
Bear Branch ✓	Jonathan Cole	2 Mar. 1852	Joseph L. Pate	5 Mar '59
" "	August Mormann	17 Dec. 67	Fredk W. Baumeister	14 Jan 69
Hartford ✓	Basil L. Cooper	4 Nov. 1857	Aaron G. Mcaryman	24 Feb. 1864
Rising Sun (c.h.) ✓	John H. Spencer	27 May 1857	Stephen Ulrey	19 Aug. 58.
continued	John Latham	20 July	Mrs. Eliza M. Spencer	9 April 69

Robt B Bascom	30 Jan 62	George N. Woods	19 Mar 62	Robert B. Bascom	19 Jan 69
John E. Wells	12 Sept. 23	Edward Roberts	31 Aug 64	Benjamin J. Grant	12 Mar. 67
Jas. A. Spurdy	6 July 64	Wm. W. Haines	9 Dec. 64	Joseph B. Pepper	12 Feb. 1867

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Figure 9.9

1870 United States Federal Census – Rising Sun, Ohio County, Indiana



Page No. 11 — Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Rising Sun Randolph Op., in the County of Ohio, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 9th day of June, 1870. 399

Post Office: Rising Sun — Nordman Evans, Ass't Marshal.

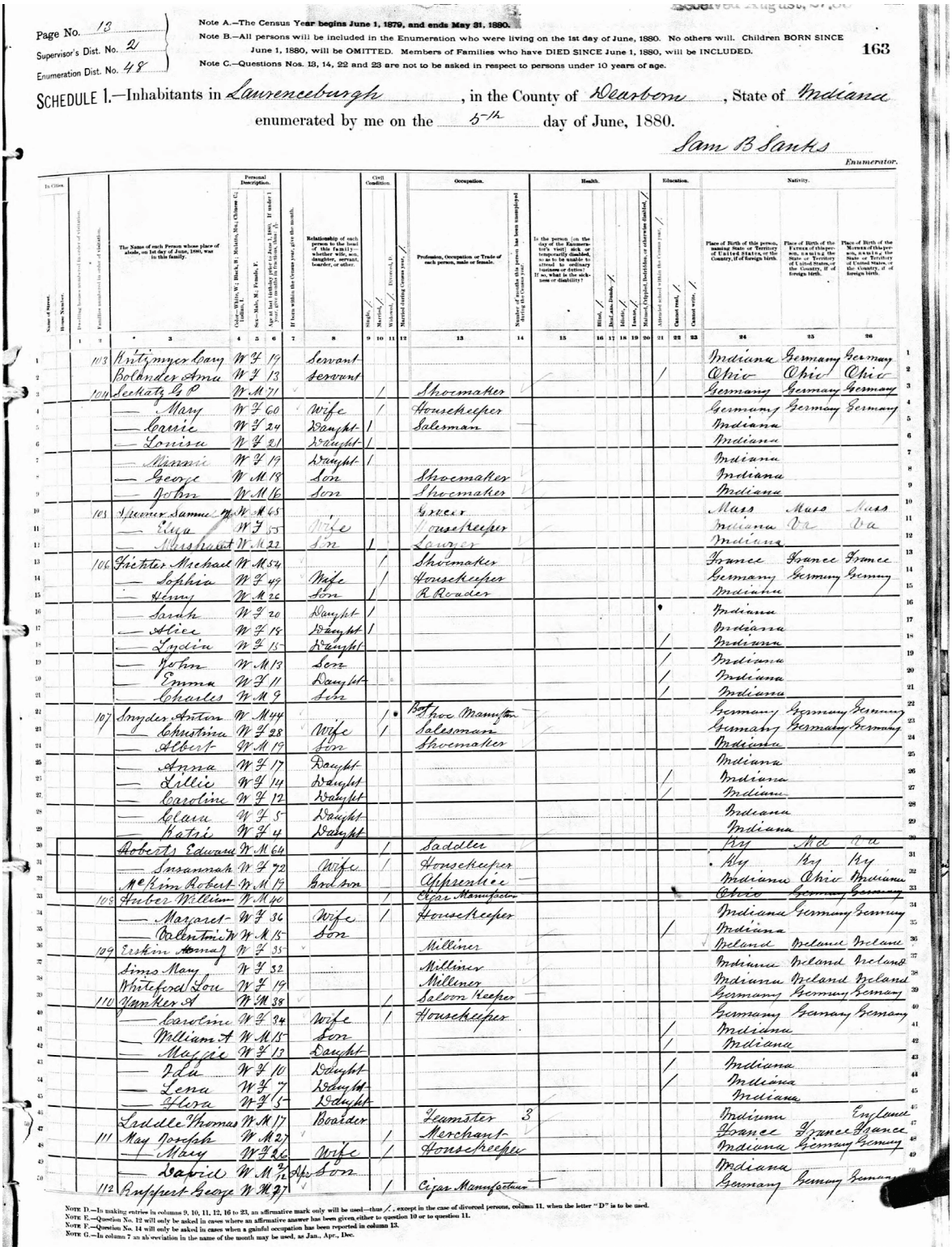
Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, months. If born within June, 1870.	Sex—Males (M.) Females (F.)	Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		" Carrie	3	F	W				Indiana										
		" Horace	1	M	W				Indiana										
93	96	Downey Alexander	57	M	W	Lawyer	10000	15000	Ohio									1	
		" Sophia	45	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
		" Samuel	23	M	W	Lawyer			Indiana									1	
		" David	19	M	W	Law Student			Indiana					1					
		" Harry	16	M	W				Indiana					1					
		" George	10	M	W				Indiana					1					
		" Anna	5	F	W				Indiana										
		" Frank	2	M	W				Indiana										
		Harris Denny	19	F	B	Domestic Servt			Indiana										
94	97	Peck Eliza	53	F	W	Dress Maker	1500	600	Indiana										
		" Henry	30	M	W	Laborer			Indiana									1	
		" Emily	30	F	W	Seamstress			Indiana										
95	98	Whitlock William	29	M	W	Cabinet Maker	2000	1500	Indiana									1	
		" Ada	29	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
		" Dennie	3	F	W				Indiana										
		Hastings Nancy	65	F	W	Keeping house		6000	Kentucky										
96	99	Bush John	48	M	W	Grocer (Ret.)	11000	1000	Indiana									1	
		" Louisa	56	F	W	Keeping House			New York										
		" Belle	18	F	W	Clerk in Store			Indiana										
	100	McQuitty Albert	26	M	W	Plasterer		200	Indiana									1	
		" Sarah	21	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
97	101	Pate Thomas	67	M	W	Farmer	1800	600	Virginia									1	
		" Mildred	58	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky										
		" Mary	16	F	W				Indiana										
		" Ann	54	F	W			800	Indiana										
98	102	Roberts Edward	64	M	W	Minister		200	Kentucky									1	
		" Susan	60	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky										
99	103	Mix Lyman	30	M	W	Sewing Machine	500	500	Indiana									1	
		" Emma	27	F	W	Keeping House		1000	New York										
		" Jessie	3	F	W				Indiana										
100	104	Baker Margaret	30	F	W	Domestic Servt			Indiana										
		Neal Elizabeth	40	F	W	Keeping House			New York										
		" Elizabeth	18	F	W				New York										
101	105	Moser George	49	M	W	Surveyor (Coty)		200	Ohio									1	
		" Mary	47	F	W	Keeping House			Ohio										
		" Emma	23	F	W	Clerk in Store		200	Indiana										
		" Walter	21	M	W	Engineer			Indiana									1	
		" Blanche	18	F	W				Ohio										
	10	No. of dwellings, 9 — No. of white females, 21 — No. of males, foreign born, —							No. of insane, —					3				11	
		" " families, 10 — " " colored males, — — " " females, " " —																	
		" " white males, 18 — " " " females, 1 — " " blind, —																	

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Figure 9.10

1880 United States Federal Census – Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn County, Indiana



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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Lawrenceburgh, in the County of Dearborn, State of Indiana enumerated by me on the 5-11 day of June, 1880.

Sam B Sanks
Enumerator.

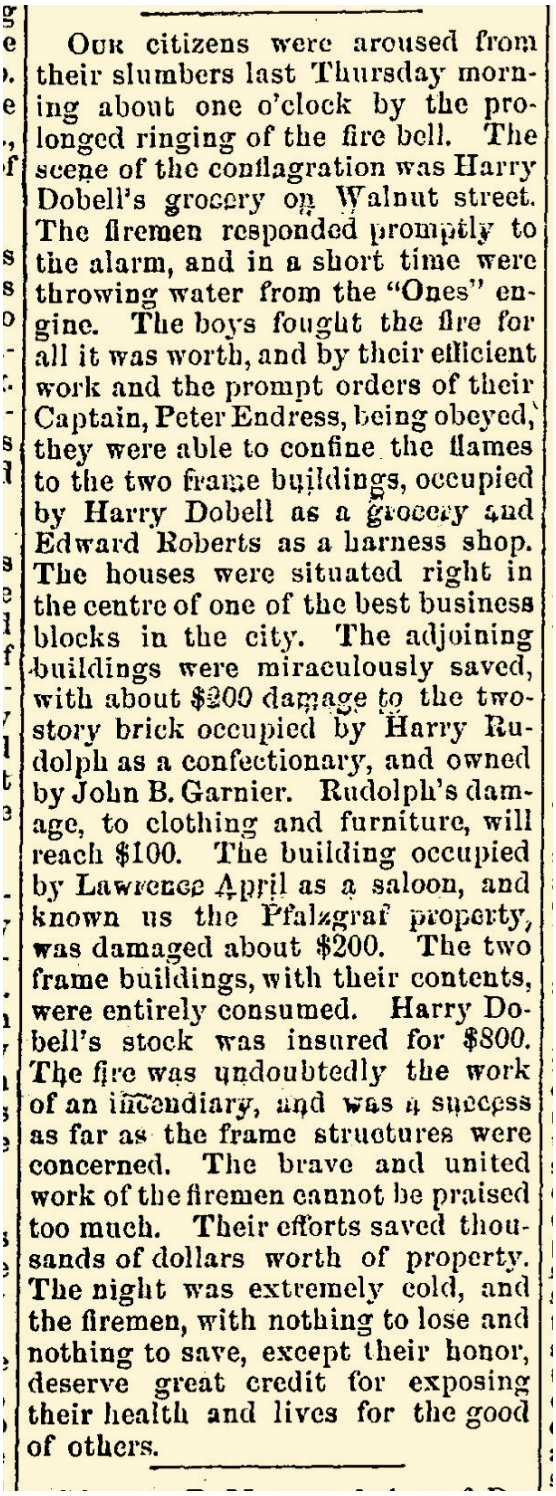
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1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1			103	Kintzmyer Gary	W	M	19		Servant																Indiana	Germany	Germany
2				Bolander Anna	W	F	13		Servant														/		Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
3			104	Seckatz G P	W	M	71				/				Shoemaker										Germany	Germany	Germany
4				— Mary	W	F	60		Wife		/				Housekeeper										Germany	Germany	Germany
5				— Carrie	W	F	24		Daught	/					Saleswoman										Indiana		
6				— Louisa	W	F	21		Daught	/															Indiana		
7				— Minnie	W	F	19		Daught	/															Indiana		
8				— George	W	M	18		Son						Shoemaker										Indiana		
9				— John	W	M	16		Son						Shoemaker										Indiana		
10			105	Spencer Samuel	W	M	65								Grocer										Mass	Mass	Mass
11				— Eliza	W	F	55		Wife						Housekeeper										Indiana	Va	Va
12				— Mrs Sweet	W	M	22		Son		/				Lawyer										Indiana		
13			106	Feirster Michael	W	M	54					/			Shoemaker										France	France	France
14				— Sophia	W	F	49		Wife			/			Housekeeper										Germany	Germany	Germany
15				— Henry	W	M	26		Son		/				R Roader										Indiana		
16				— Sarah	W	F	20		Daught	/													•		Indiana		
17				— Alice	W	F	18		Daught	/															Indiana		
18				— Lydia	W	F	15		Daught														/		Indiana		
19				— John	W	M	13		Son														/		Indiana		
20				— Emma	W	F	11		Daught														/		Indiana		
21				— Charles	W	M	9		Son														/		Indiana		
22			107	Snyder Anton	W	M	44					/	•		Boot & Shoe Manufctr										Germany	Germany	Germany
23				— Christina	W	F	28		Wife		/				Saleswoman										Germany	Germany	Germany
24				— Albert	W	M	19		Son						Shoemaker										Indiana		
25				— Anna	W	F	17		Daught																Indiana		
26				— Lillie	W	F	14		Daught														/		Indiana		
27				— Caroline	W	F	12		Daught														/		Indiana		
28				— Clara	W	F	8		Daught																Indiana		
29				— Katie	W	F	4		Daught																Indiana		
30				Roberts Edward	W	M	64					/			Saddler										Ky	Md	Va
31				— Susannah	W	F	72		Wife		/				Housekeeper										Ky	Ky	Ky
32				McKim Robert	W	M	19		Grd son						Apprentice										Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
33			108	Huber William	W	M	40					/			Cigar Manufctr										Ohio	Germany	Germany
34				— Margaret	W	F	36		Wife		/				Housekeeper										Indiana	Germany	Germany
35				— Valentine	W	M	15		Son														/		Indiana		
36			109	Erskin Hannah	W	F	35								Milliner										Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
37				Sims Mary	W	F	32								Milliner										Indiana	Ireland	Ireland
38				Whiteford Lou	W	F	19								Milliner										Indiana	Ireland	Ireland
39			110	Yunker A	W	M	38					/			Saloon Keeper										Germany	Germany	Germany
40				— Caroline	W	F	34		Wife		/				Housekeeper										Germany	Germany	Germany
41				— William A	W	M	15		Son														/		Indiana		
42				— Maggie	W	F	13		Daught														/		Indiana		
43				— Ida	W	F	10		Daught														/		Indiana		
44				— Lena	W	F	7		Daught														/		Indiana		
45				— Flora	W	F	5		Daught																Indiana		
46				Laddle Thomas	W	M	17		Boarder						Teamster	3									Indiana	England	
47			111	May Joseph	W	M	27					/			Merchant										France	France	France
48				— Mary	W	F	26		Wife		/				Housekeeper										Indiana	Germany	Germany
49				— David	W	M	2/12	Apr	Son																Indiana		
50			112	Rupfert George	W	M	27					/			Cigar Manufctr										Germany	Germany	Germany

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

"1880 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240580-00330?pId=45630691 : accessed 12 Nov 2021), Indiana > Dearborn > Lawrenceburg > 048 > Image 13 of 95.

Figure 9.11

Edward Roberts[9] Arsonist's Fire

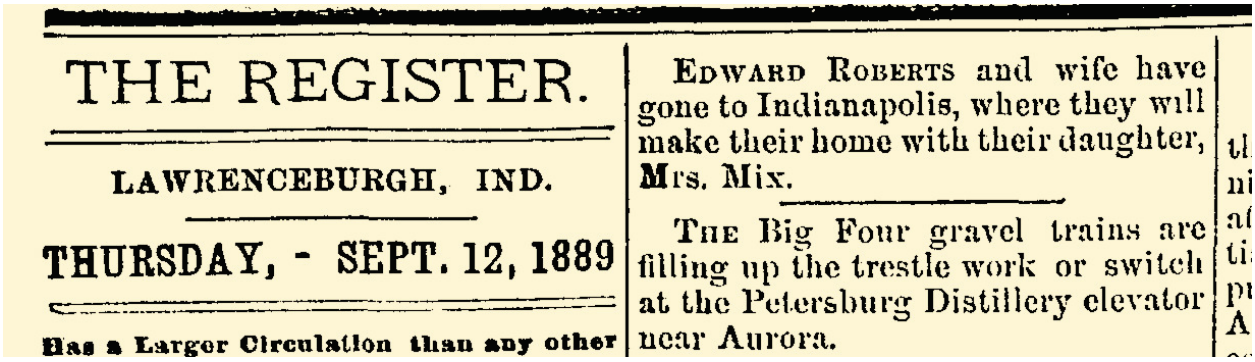


Our citizens were aroused from their slumbers last Thursday morning about one o'clock by the prolonged ringing of the fire bell. The scene of the conflagration was Harry Dobell's grocery on Walnut street. The firemen responded promptly to the alarm, and in a short time were throwing water from the "Ones" engine. The boys fought the fire for all it was worth, and by their efficient work and the prompt orders of their Captain, Peter Endress, being obeyed, they were able to confine the flames to the two frame buildings, occupied by Harry Dobell as a grocery and Edward Roberts as a harness shop. The houses were situated right in the centre of one of the best business blocks in the city. The adjoining buildings were miraculously saved, with about $200 damage to the two-story brick occupied by Harry Rudolph as a confectionary, and owned by John B. Garnier. Rudolph's damage, to clothing and furniture, will reach $100. The building occupied by Lawrence April as a saloon, and known as the Pfalzgraf property, was damaged about $200. The two frame buildings, with their contents, were entirely consumed. Harry Dobell's stock was insured for $800. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, and was a success as far as the frame structures were concerned. The brave and united work of the firemen cannot be praised too much. Their efforts saved thousands of dollars worth of property. The night was extremely cold, and the firemen, with nothing to lose and nothing to save, except their honor, deserve great credit for exposing their health and lives for the good of others.

Lawrenceburgh (IN) Register, 14 Feb 1889, pg. 3 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 9.12

Edward Roberts[9] Move to Indianapolis



THE REGISTER.

LAWRENCEBURGH, IND.

THURSDAY, - SEPT. 12, 1889

Has a Larger Circulation than any other

EDWARD ROBERTS and wife have gone to Indianapolis, where they will make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Mix.

THE Big Four gravel trains are filling up the trestle work or switch at the Petersburg Distillery elevator near Aurora.

Lawrenceburgh (IN) Register, 12 Sep 1889, pg. 4 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 9.13

Excerpt from 1893 Indianapolis, Indiana City Directory



When in need of Tailors CALL ON GUST ROSBERG & CO., 25 N. PENNSYLVANIA ST.

J. A. KUTSCH HARNESS REPAIRING NEATLY DONE. 263 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

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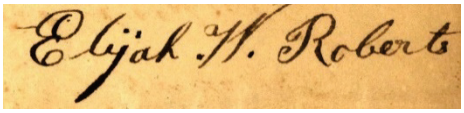
ESTABLISHED 1876. TELEPHONE 168.
CHESTER BRADFORD,
SOLICITOR OF PATENTS,
AND COUNSEL IN PATENT CAUSES.
(See adv. page 6.)
Office:—Rooms 16-18 Hubbard Block, S. W. Cor. Washington and Meridian Streets, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

Mitchell Wm T, mantelsetter, h 627 S East.
Mitchell & Mitchell (James L and James L jr), Lawyers 22 Vance Blk; Tel 1649.
Mitcher Rose K, h 168 W Chesapeake.
Mithen Mary H (Mithen & Garis), h 17 Greer.
Mithen & Garis (Mary H Mithen, Olive H Garis), dry goods 157 Virginia av.
Mitschrich Frederick, lab, h 270 S Tennessee.
Mitschrich Hermann, grocer 277 Prospect, h 100 Jefferson.
Mittay Charles, lab, b 117 Lincoln la.
Mittay Edward J, bartender, b 244½ E Washington.
Mittay Henry A, carp, h 719 E Ohio.
Mittay Mary (wid Christian), h 244½ E Washington.
Mitten Louisa C (wid George), h 93 Spann av.
Mitten Love V M (wid George D), h n s Orange av 2 w of Keystone av.
Mittmann Frederick, stonecutter, h 128 W Ray.
Mitzenberg Martin, lab, h 75 Norwood.
Mix, *see also Mick.*
Mix Frank C, mach, b 53 Keystone av.
Mix Gustav L, lab, h 74 Arizona.
Mix John DeE, patternmkr Thurmin & Sullin, h 80 W Maryland.
Mix Lyman W, real est 11 Cyclorama Arcade, h 719 N Illinois.
Mix Robert, lab, h 53 Keystone av.
Moak Frank S, brakeman, b 329 English av.
Moak John C, brakeman, h 274 English av.
Moats Emma C, associate editor Organizer, h n w cor Kenwood av and 25th.
Moats Henry H, vice-pres Big Four Bldg and Loan Assn, h n w cor Kenwood av and 25th.
Mobley Edward, lab, b 181 S New Jersey.
Mobley Harry W, cooper, b 76 S West.
Mobley Hiram L, cooper, h 76 S West.
Mobley James M, lab, 161 S East.
Mobley Thomas J, cooper, h 82 S West.
Mobley Wm S, finisher, b 54 Ash.
Mock Anna, clk, b 143 N Alabama.
Mock Charles, farmer, h 556 Union.
Mock Charles M, mach, h 80 Oak.
Mock Ernst, helper, h (H).
Mock George, clk, b 368 Blake.
Mock Henry M, plumber, h 198 Buchanan.
Mock John A, lab, h 44 Dunlop.
Mock Joseph, carp, h 31 Martindale av.
Mock Martin, tailor, h 127 Davidson.
Mock Thomas E, clk, h 48 Barth av.
Mock Wm H, carp, h 18 Hamilton av.
Mockford Thomas, painter, h e s Illinois 7 n of 22d.
Mode Charles F, clk, h 232 Spring.
Mode George J W, clk, b 460 E Market.
Mode Michael (Mode & Karle), h 460 E Market.
Mode & Karle (Michael Mode, Joseph C Karle), shoes 93 E Washington.
Model Clothing Co., Rothschild & Hays Props, 41 to 49 E Washington and 2 to 22 S Penn; Tel 763.
Model Fence Co The (Horace L Pattison), Fence Manufacturers 38 E South.
Modeland Newton, painter, r 61 N New Jersey.
Modery August, mach h, 161 Pendleton pike.
Modley, *see also Motley.*
*Modley George, lab, r 2 Willard.
*Modley John, lab, b 220 W Chespeake.
*Modley Wm, lab, b 28 Columbia al.
Modlin Albert, buyer, b 272 Mass av.
Modlin Ephraim, fireman, h 321 Fletcher av.
Modlin Mahlon, carp, h 590 W Morris (W I).
Modrell Andrew J, lab, r 68 Cleveland Blk.
Moech Julius, lab, h w s Indpls s of 15th
Moehlmann Frederick H, checkman, b 349 E McCarty.
Moehlmann Frederick W, packer, h 349 E McCarty.
Moehrman, *see also Moorman.*
Moehrman Charles, engr, h 42 Bellefontaine.
Moellenkamp Frederick, student, b 93 Naomi.
Moellenkamp Henry, lab, h 93 Naomi.
Moeller, *see also Miller, Moller, Mueller and Muller.*
Moeller Christian H, carp, h w s St Peter 3 n of Prospect.
Moeller Frederick A, lab, h 22 St Paul.
Moeller Henry, ironworker, h 21 Haugh (H).
Moeller Herman, city agt, h 111 Davidson.
Moeller John, meats 429 Madison av, h same.
Moeller Wm, tmstr, h 188 Coburn.

Moelman Minnie, music teacher 243 N East, b same.
Moesch Henry W, bkkpr, b 401 S Meridian.
Moesch Julius, mach hd, b Park Heights.
Moeslein Joseph, carver, h 48 Wisconsin.
Moesmer Bina (wid Philip), h 87 Weghorst.
Moessmer Louis, helper, h 15 S Rural.
Moews August, lab, h 31 Keystone av.
Moews Charles W, mach, h 25 Keystone av.
Moews Frederika (wid John), h 29 Keystone av.
Moews Henry F, mach, h 29 Keystone av.
Moews Martin, mach, b 29 Keystone av.
Moffett Edward D, phys 16 W Ohio, h 860 N Meridian.
Moffett Naomi C (wid Estel R), phys 27½ Circle, h same.
*Moffett Robert, lab, h rear 203 Naomi.
Moffitt Leroy D, carp, b 35 Garfield pl.
Moffitt Margaret (wid John), r 235 Mass av.
Moffitt Margaret W (wid Wm), b 50 Cedar.
Moffitt Wm C, carp, h W McLene (N I).
Mogle Daniel E, mach hd, h 422 W 2d.
Mogle James E, ironworker, b 422 W 2d.
Mohan James, engr, h Union Stock Yards (W I).
Mohler Elmer J, lab, b 229 W Washington.
Mohler Hannah (wid John), b 92 Paca.
Mohler John, lab, h 81½ S California.
Mohler Samuel L, salesman, h 145 Highland pl.
Mohn Robert M, mnfr, h 135½ Cornell av.
Mohr, *see also Moore and More.*
Mohr Charles, driver, b 508 N West.
Mohr Emma D, teacher public school No 2, h 216 E Market.
Mohr Henry, lithog Wm B Burford, h 491 Broadway.
Mohr Jacob, peddler, h 76 Minnesota.
Mohr John, lab, b 508 N West.
Mohs Wm J A (Wm J A Mohs & Co), h 7 Shelby.
Mohs Wm J A & Co (Wm J A Mohs), dry goods 7-9 Shelby.
Moister George, millwright, b 78 Nordyke av (W I).
*Moker George W, porter, h 158 Howard.
Molder Andrew J, carp, b 59 Alvord.
Molder Ellis T, mach hd, b 262 Archer.
Molder Jacob, cooper, h 24½ N West.
Molder John, cooper, h 108 Bright.
Molder John F, carp, h e s Harlan 6 s of Orange.
Moldthan Albert F, clk, b 143 Meek.
Moldthan Christine L (wid Christian E), h 48 Buchanan.
Moldthan Minnie (wid Christian), h 143 Meek.
Moling Richard, lab, h 345 Fletcher av.
Moling Sarah (wid John), b 345 Fletcher av.
Mollenkoph Louisa (wid Wm), h 114 Dorman.
Moller, *see also Miller, Moeller, Mueller and Muller.*
Moller Carl, Wall Paper 161 E Washington, h 392 Ash.
Moller Gustav, paperhanger, h cor Jefferson and Frank.
Molles Joseph M, blksmith, h Gale (B).
Moloney, *see also Maloney.*
Moloney James H, carp E H Eldridge, h Rockwood.
Moloney John, mngr, r 665 N Mississippi.
Moltz Wm E, engr, h 77 Hoyt av.
Monaghan Albert, sawmkr, b 68 Maple.
Monaghan Anthony, sawmkr, b 68 Maple.
Monaghan Catherine (wid James), h 68 Maple.
Monaghan Charles J, spinner, h 230 Lincoln la.
Monaghan John W, sawmkr, h 68 Maple.
Monaghan Martin, lab, h 369 W Pearl.
Monaghan Thomas S, clk, b 123 Shelby.
Monaghan Timothy, shoemkr, h 123 Shelby.
Monahan Andrew, lab, b 75 W Pearl.
Monahan Charles, lab, h 155½ W Merrill.
Monahan Frederick, lab, h 607 W Pearl.
Monahan Hugh, lab, b 971 N Illinois.
Monahan John, lab, h 166 W McCarty.
Monahan John, fireman, b 273 S West.
Monahan John I, b 280 S Tennessee.
Monahan Michael F, janitor, h 494 S Tennessee.
Monahan Patrick, b 166 W McCarty.
Monahan Thomas, lab, h 258 W 7th.
Monahan Thomas, lab, h 280 S Tennessee.
Monahan Thomas J, marbleworker, b 258 W 7th.
Monce Oscar O, lather, b 36 Ashland (W I).
Moncrief Eldo, carp, b 600 Ash.
Monday, *see also Munday.*
Mondary Henry, lab, b 289 River av (WI).
Mondine Ferdinand, peddler, h 32 Valley.
Mondon B Frank, lab, b 27 N Noble.

"U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/10736630 : accessed 12 Nov 2021), Indiana > Indianapolis > 1893 > Indianapolis, Indiana, City Directory, 1893 > Image 329 of 573.

10. ELIJAH W. (b. abt. 1816, d. aft. 1880)



Signature on 19 Aug 1837 acknowledgment of receiving his father's inheritance from brother John S. Roberts[41].

Birth: abt. 1816 in Kentucky, likely Clark County.

Marriage & children: 2 Aug 1838 to Nancy A. Voyles in Switzerland County, Indiana (b. abt. 1822 in Indiana; d. bef. 1880).

- Martha Roberts
  - b. abt. 1839 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - d. _____.
- Artemesa Roberts
  - b. 30 Oct 1841 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.
  - m. 24 Sep 1857 to Newton J. Dukes in Polk County, Missouri (b. 4 Dec 1836 in Kentucky; d. 2 Jul 1913).
  - d. 19 Jun 1874, likely in Polk County, Missouri.
- John Roberts
  - b. 5 Oct 1846 in Missouri, likely Polk County.
  - m. 12 Apr 1865 to Margaret A. Kerr in Polk County, Missouri (b. 11 Apr 1847 in Missouri; d. 27 Jan 1916).
  - d. 11 Apr 1916 in Tarrant County, Texas.
- Marion Roberts
  - b. abt. 1849 in Missouri, likely Polk County.
  - d. _____.
- Elizabeth Roberts
  - b. 26 Jun 1851 in Missouri, likely Polk County.
  - m. 16 Dec 1868 to Hardy Miller Prater in Polk County, Missouri (b. 21 Nov 1836 in Tennessee; d. 26 Nov 1892).
  - d. 17 Feb 1906 in Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.
- Henry Roberts
  - b. abt. 1854 in Missouri, likely Polk County.
  - d. _____.
- Evangeline Roberts
  - b. abt. 1857 in Missouri, likely Polk County.
  - m. 18 Dec 1879 to R. Alexander Robins n Tarrant County, Texas (b. abt. 1855 in Georgia; d. _____).
  - d. _____.

Death: aft. 1880.

Elijah was the ninth child of Edward[1] and Rosy (Stewart) Roberts. I have found no record positively identifying his date and place of birth; however, available records suggest his birth was sometime between 1815 and 1819. Census records place his birth as 1818 or 1819 in Kentucky. He received his inheritance from his father's estate on 19 Aug 1837, the same year as brother, Edward[9], presumably having reached the age of majority – 21 years old. This suggests an 1816 birth. Another source gives his birth as abt. 1817 and 12 Aug 1815. I am placing his birth as abt. 1816 based on receiving his inheritance the same year as Edward[9], which suggests Elijah and Edward may have been twins. He was likely born in Clark County, Kentucky since that is where his parents were married and, based upon the 1810 Clark County, Kentucky census, were living at the time.[1,2,3]

In 1819, Elijah's father purchased 160 acres of land in Ripley County, Indiana under the Land Act of 1796 and the family then migrated to that County. The 1820 Ripley County census shows the family had grown to nine, with Elijah enumerated as a male < 10 years old.[4,5]

- White males < 10 – 3 (Zachariah[5], Edward[9], and Elijah[10])
- White males 10-16 – 1 (John S.[4])
- White males > 45 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Mariah[6], Maranda[7], Mary[8])
- White females 17-26 – 2 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3])
- White females 26-45 – 1 (Rosy)

In 1830, Elijah's brother, John[4], was appointed guardian for both he and his brother, Edward[9], after their father's death prior to 3 May 1830. I have not found an 1830 census that positively reflects John and his known family at that time. No John Roberts is enumerated in the Ripley County, Indiana census. The 1830 census record that appears to most closely match John's known family members, including Edward[9] and Elijah[10], is for Switzerland County, Indiana.[6,7]

- Male < 5 – 1 (Charles[12])
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 (William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10])
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 (either Edward[9] or Elijah[10])
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 (John[4])
- Female < 5 – 1 (Sarah[13])
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 (Unknown)

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[1] See Figure 1.20. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Edward[9] and Elijah W. Roberts[10] Estate Settlements.
[2] See Figure 1.2. Excerpt from Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979, by Norma Jean Holland.
[3] See Figure 1.9. 1810 United States Federal Census – Clark County, Kentucky. Family members reflected in the census are:
- White males < 10 – 2 (John S.[4], Zachariah[5])
- White males 26-44 – 1 (Edward[1])
- White females < 10 – 3 (Elizabeth[2], Sarah[3], possibly Mariah[6])
- White females 26-44 – 1 (Rosy)

[4] See Figure 1.10. Edward Roberts[1] 1819 Land Purchase, Ripley County, Indiana.
[5] See Figure 1.3. 1820 United States Federal Census – Ripley County, Indiana.
[6] See Figure 1.19A. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Appointment of Guardian.
[7] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.

- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 (Jane)

There are some discrepancies, however, with this census. Birth dates for Edward and Elijah, are not positively known; however, in Apr and Aug 1837, John gave his brothers their inheritance from their father's estate, apparently having reached the age of majority – 21 years of age. This places their birth abt. 1816 and both boys should be reflected in the male, aged 10 to < 15 group. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear in that, or subsequent, census records.[8]

Elijah married Nancy A. Voyles on 2 Aug 1838 in Switzerland County, Indiana and they soon began building their family. The 1840 census for Switzerland County shows that Elijah and Nancy already had a daughter, with Elijah engaged in agriculture.[9,10]

- Male 20 to < 30 – 1 (Elijah)
- Female < 5 – 1 (Martha)
- Female 20 to < 30 – 1 (Nancy)

Prior to 1846, the year of birth of son John in Missouri, the Roberts family had migrated to Polk County, Missouri where Elijah and Nancy raised their remaining five children. Elijah continued farming in Polk County through at least 1860. In 1857, pursuant to The Land Act of 1820, he purchased 40 acres of public land in Polk County, located in the SE/4, SW/4, Section 5, T32, R21.[11,12,13,14]

I have been unable to identify Elijah in the 1870 census; however, by 1880, he had migrated to Tarrant County, Texas and is found living with daughter, Elizabeth and her family. Elijah is renting about 20 acres of farmland, valued at about $200, with about $30 of farm equipment and $65 of livestock. Farm production was estimated at $235. Since this census identifies him as a widower, we can presume Nancy passed away sometime prior to 1880, possibly giving Elijah the impetus to relocate to Tarrant County.[15,16]

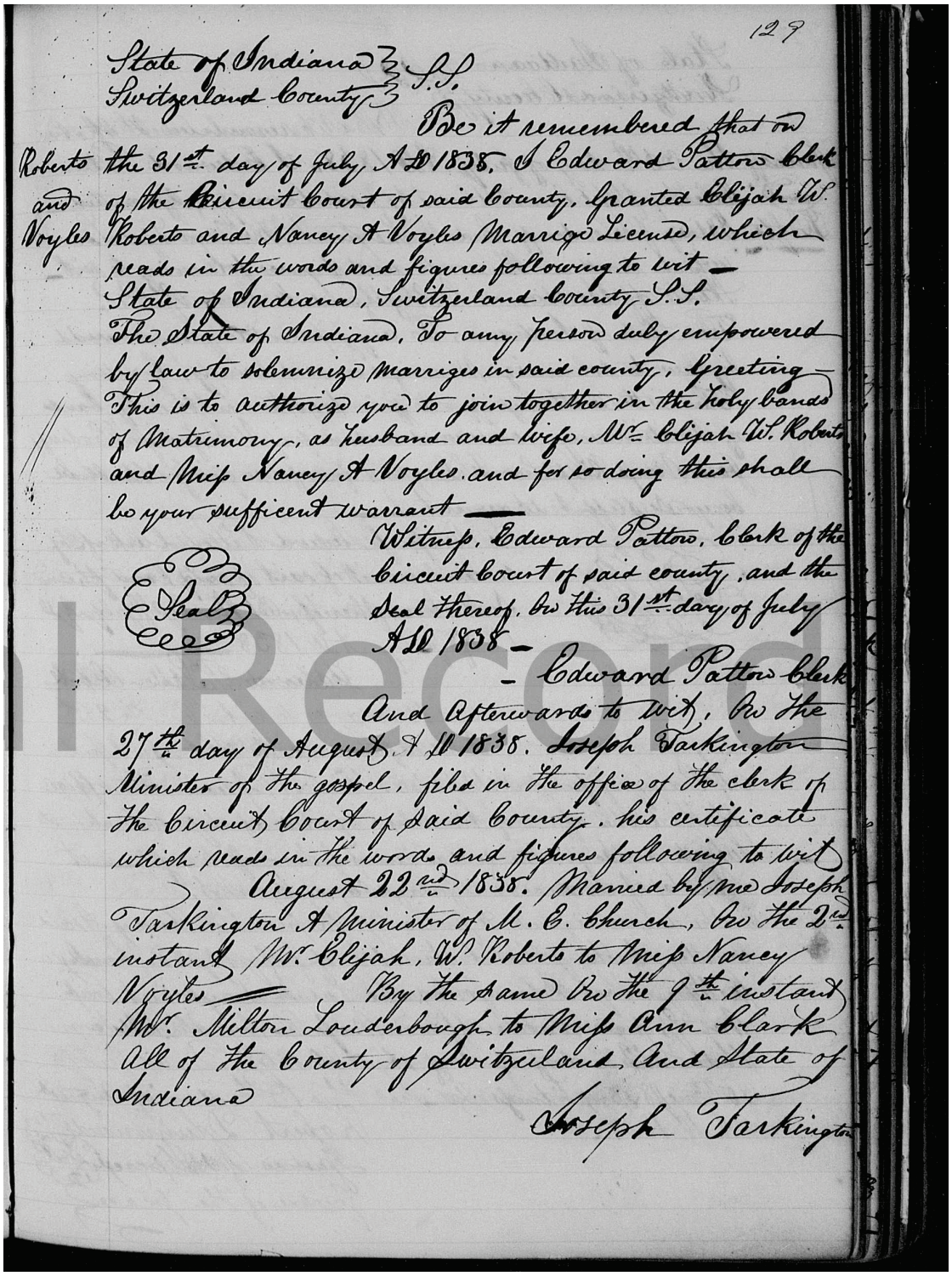
Elijah's death is not positively known, except that it was after 1880 since he cannot be found in any census record after that year. Cindy Ball's margin notes in *Holland* (Figure 1.2) show his death as 20 Jan 1896 in Missouri and that Nancy died 20 May 1864 in Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. I have not been able to verify any of this information.[17]

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[8] See Figure 1.20. Edward Roberts[1] Probate – Edward[9] and Elijah W. Roberts[10] Estate Settlements.
[9] Figure 10.1. Elijah Roberts[10] and Nancy A. Voyles Marriage Record.
[10] Figure 10.2. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[11] Figure 10.3. 1850 United States Federal Census – Polk County, Missouri.
[12] Figure 10.4. 1860 United States Federal Census – Mooney Township, Polk County, Missouri.
[13] Figure 10.5. Elijah W. Roberts[10] 1857 Land Purchase, Polk County, Missouri.
[14] Figure 10.6. Elijah W. Roberts[10] Polk County, Missouri Property.
[15] Figure 10.7. 1880 United States Federal Census – Tarrant County, Texas.
[16] Figure 10.8. 1880 Agricultural Schedule, Tarrant County, Texas.
[17] Margin notes in *Holland* (Figure 1.2) state location as Ardmore, "Oklahoma Territory." In 1864, this area was in the Chickasaw Nation of Indian Territory. Indian Territory comprised much of eastern and south central Oklahoma. Ardmore was incorporated in 1887 in what was Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation.

Figure 10.1

Elijah Roberts[10] and Nancy A. Voyles Marriage Record



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State of Indiana } S.S.
Switzerland County }

Be it remembered that on
Roberts and Voyles the 31st. day of July A.D. 1838. I Edward Patton Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, Granted Elijah W. Roberts and Nancy A Voyles Marriage License, which reads in the words and figures following to wit —

State of Indiana, Switzerland County S.S.

The State of Indiana. To any person duly empowered by law to solemnize marriges in said county, Greeting — This is to authorize you to join together in the holy bands of Matrimony, as husband and wife, Mr. Elijah W. Roberts and Miss Nancy A Voyles. and for so doing this shall be your sufficent warrant —

Witness, Edward Patton, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, and the Seal Thereof, by this 31st. day of July A.D. 1838 —

Seal

— Edward Patton Clerk

And Afterwards to wit, By the 27th day of August A.D. 1838. Joseph Tarkington Minister of the gospel, filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, his certificate which reads in the words and figures following to wit

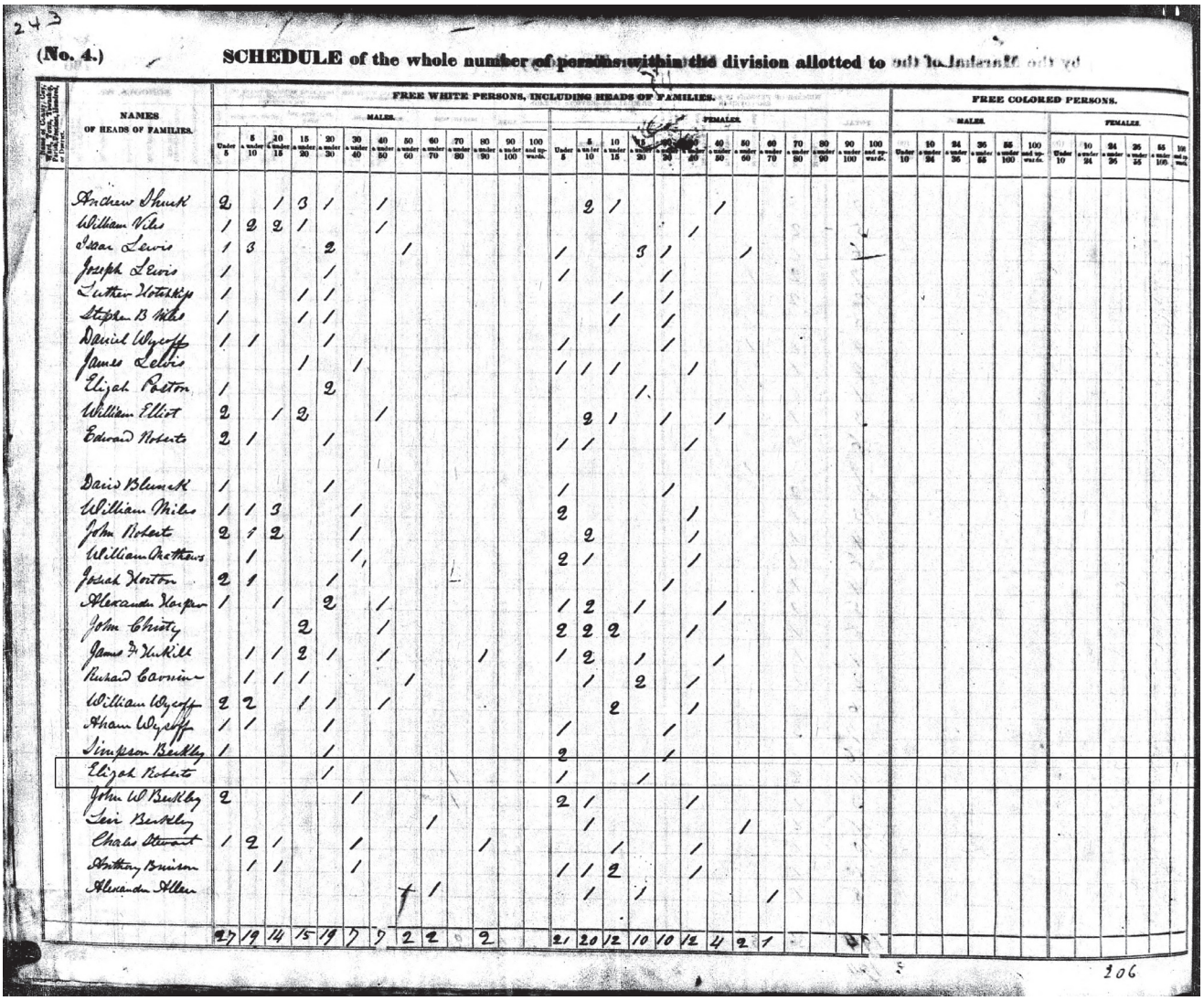
August 22nd 1838. Married by me Joseph Tarkington A Minister of M. E. Church, by the 2nd instant Mr. Elijah. W. Roberts to Miss Nancy Voyles — By the same by the 9th instant Mr. Milton Louderbough to Miss Ann Clark All of the County of Switzerland And State of Indiana

Joseph Tarkington

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019," database with images, *Family Search* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939N-T112-G?i=67&cc=1410397&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AKFZG-2GL : accessed 13 Nov 2021), Switzerland > 1837-1840 > Image 68 of 209.

Figure 10.2 (2 pages)

1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



(No. 4.) **SCHEDULE** of the whole number of persons within this division allotted to

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																								FREE COLORED PERSONS.											
	MALES.												FEMALES.												MALES.						FEMALES.					
	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 under 24	24 under 36	36 under 55	55 under 100	100 and upwards	Under 10	10 under 24	24 under 36	36 under 55	55 under 100	100 and upwards
Andrew Shuck	2		1	3	1		1								2	1				1																
William Viles	1	2	2	1			1												1																	
Isaac Lewis	1	3			2			1						1			3	1			1															
Joseph Lewis	1				1									1				1																		
Luther Hotchkiss	1			1	1											1		1																		
Stephen B Viles	1			1	1											1		1																		
Daniel Wycoff	1	1			1									1				1																		
James Lewis				1		1								1	1	1			1																	
Elijah Patton	1				2												1																			
William Elliot	2		1	2			1								2	1		1		1																
Edward Roberts	2	1			1									1	1				1																	
David Blunck	1				1									1				1																		
William Miles	1	1	3			1								2					1																	
John Roberts	2	1	2			1									2				1																	
William Matthews		1				1								2	1				1																	
Josiah Horton	2	1			1													1																		
Alexander Harper	1		1		2		1							1	2		1			1																	
John Christy				2			1							2	2	2			1																	
James D McKill		1	1	2	1		1				1			1	2		1			1																	
Richard Carmine		1	1	1				1							1		2		1																	
William Wycoff	2	2		1	1		1									2			1																	
Abram Wycoff	1	1			1									1				1																		
Simpson Berkley	1				1									2				1																		
Elijah Roberts					1									1			1																			
John W Berkley	2					1								2	1				1																	
Levi Berkley								1			1				1					1																	
Charles Stewart	1	2	1			1				1						1			1																	
Anthony Brinson		1	1			1								1	1	2			1																	
Alexander Allen							1	1							1		1				1																
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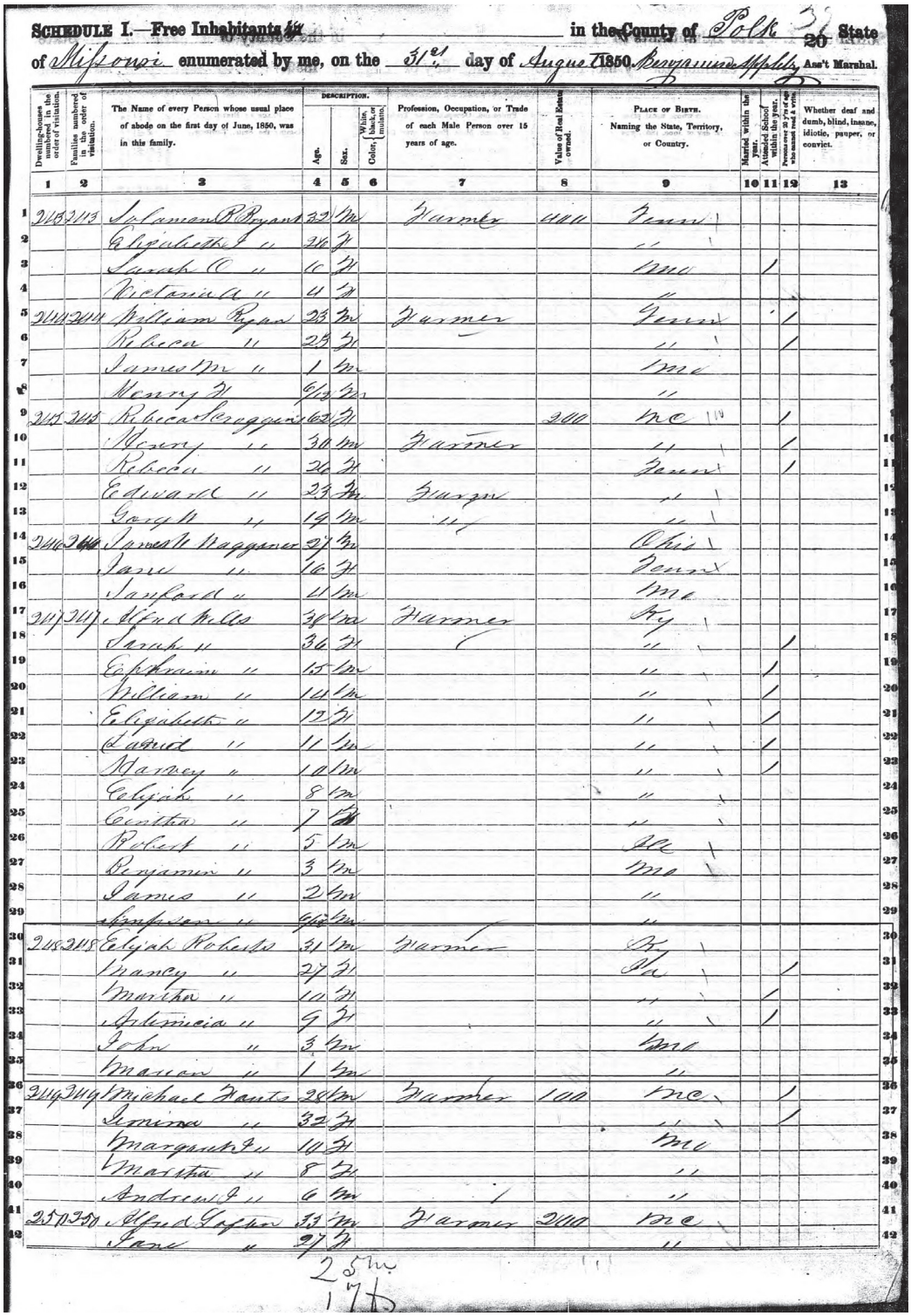
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by the Marshal of the [illegible] District (or Territory) of [illegible]

SLAVES. MALES. Under 10	10 a under 24	24 a under 36	36 a under 55	55 a under 100	100 and upwards.	SLAVES. FEMALES. Under 10	10 a under 24	24 a under 36	36 a under 55	55 a under 100	100 and upwards.	TOTAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EACH FAMILY EMPLOYED IN: Mining.	Agriculture.	Commerce.	Manufactures and trades.	Navigation of the seas.	Navigation of rivers, lakes, and canals.	Learned professions.	PENSIONERS FOR REVOLUTIONARY OR MILITARY SERVICES, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. NAMES.	AGES.	DEAF AND DUMB, BLIND, AND INSANE, OR IDIOTS, NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. DEAF AND DUMB. Under 14	14 and under 25	25 and upwards.	BLIND. Persons not deaf and dumb or insane.	Persons deaf and dumb or insane.	DEAF, DUMB, BLIND, OR INSANE, OR IDIOTS, COLORED PERSONS, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND. Over 14 years of age.	Under 14 years of age.	DEAF AND DUMB, BLIND, OR INSANE. Persons deaf and dumb or blind.	Persons deaf and dumb or insane.	SCHOOLS, &c. Universities or Colleges.	Number of Students.	Academies, Grammar Schools, or Schools.	No. of Students.	Primary and Other Schools.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Persons 20 Years of Age and upwards who cannot read and write.
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Figure 10.3

1850 United States Federal Census – Polk County, Missouri



SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in _____ in the County of Polk 20 State of Missouri enumerated by me, on the 31st day of August 1850. Benjamin Applby, Ass't Marshal.

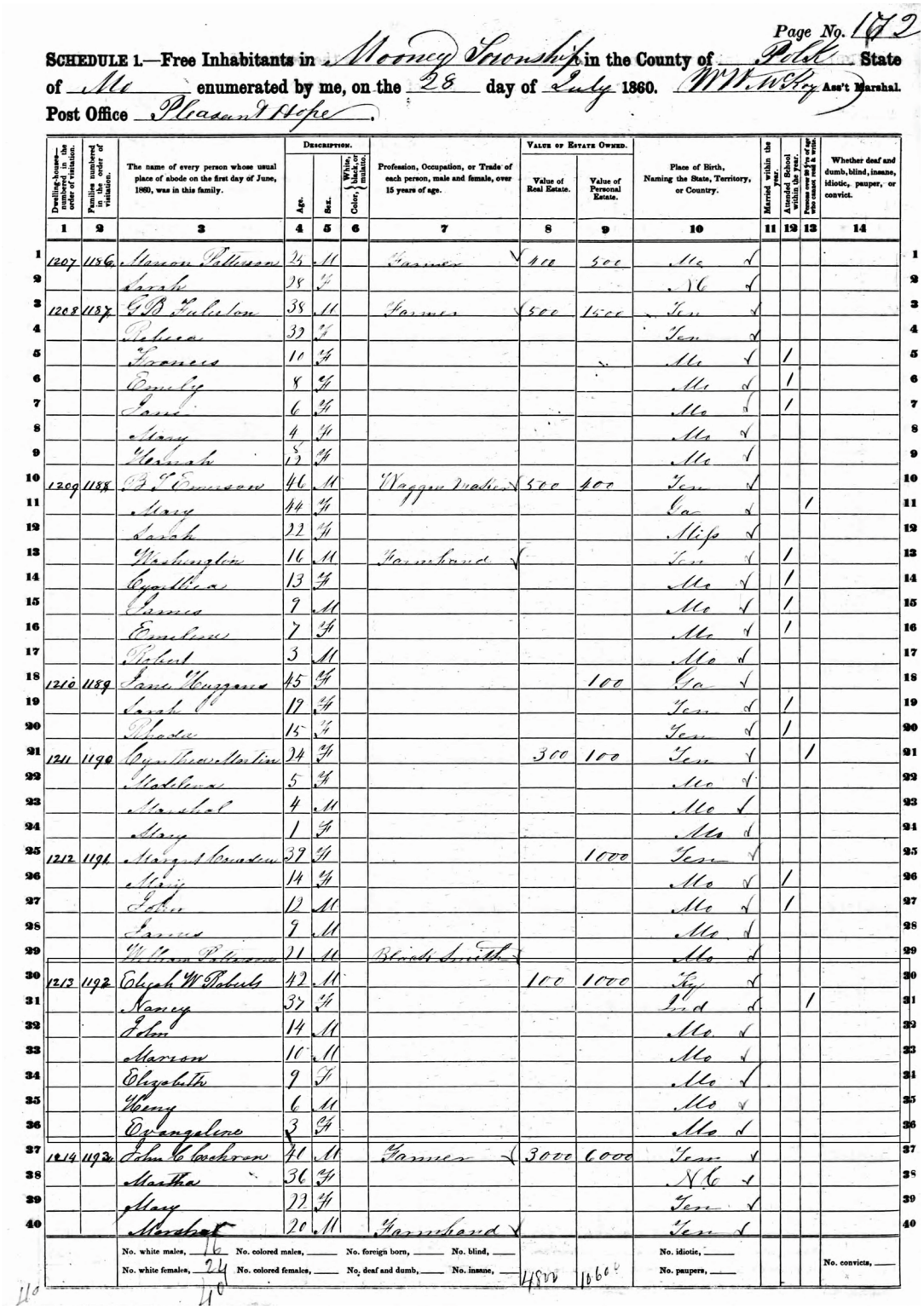
Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Person over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	213	Solomon B Bryant	33	M		Farmer	1000	Penn				
2		Elizabeth "	26	F				"				
3		Sarah C "	10	F				Mo		1		
4		Victoria A "	4	F				"				
5	214	William Ryan	23	M		Farmer		Penn			1	
6		Rebecca "	25	F				"			1	
7		James M "	1	M				Mo				
8		Mourning N	6/12	M				"				
9	215	Rebecca Scroggins	63	F			200	Mo			1	
10		Henry "	30	M		Farmer		"			1	
11		Rebecca "	26	F				Penn			1	
12		Edward "	23	M		Farmer		"				
13		George "	19	M		"		"				
14	216	Samuel Baggarly	27	M				Ohio				
15		Jane "	16	F				Penn				
16		Sanford "	11	M				Mo				
17	217	Alfred Wells	30	M		Farmer		Ky				
18		Sarah "	36	F				"		1		
19		Ephraim "	15	M				"		1		
20		William "	14	M				"		1		
21		Elizabeth "	12	F				"		1		
22		Gabriel "	11	M				"		1		
23		Harvey "	10	M				"		1		
24		Elijah "	8	M				"				
25		Cintha "	7	F				"				
26		Robert "	5	M				Ala				
27		Benjamin "	3	M				Mo				
28		James "	2	M				"				
29		Simpson "	6/12	M				"				
30	218	Elijah Roberts	31	M		Farmer		Ky				
31		Nancy "	27	F				Va		1		
32		Martha "	11	F				"		1		
33		Telemicia "	9	F				"		1		
34		John "	3	M				Mo				
35		Marion "	1	M				"				
36	219	Michael Dantz	28	M		Farmer	100	Mo			1	
37		Jemima "	32	F				"			1	
38		Margaret J "	10	F				Mo				
39		Martha "	8	F				"				
40		Andrew J "	6	M				"				
41	220	Alfred Gaither	33	M		Farmer	2000	Mo				
42		Jane "	27	F				"				

25 M
17 F

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Figure 10.4

1860 United States Federal Census – Mooney Township, Polk County, Missouri



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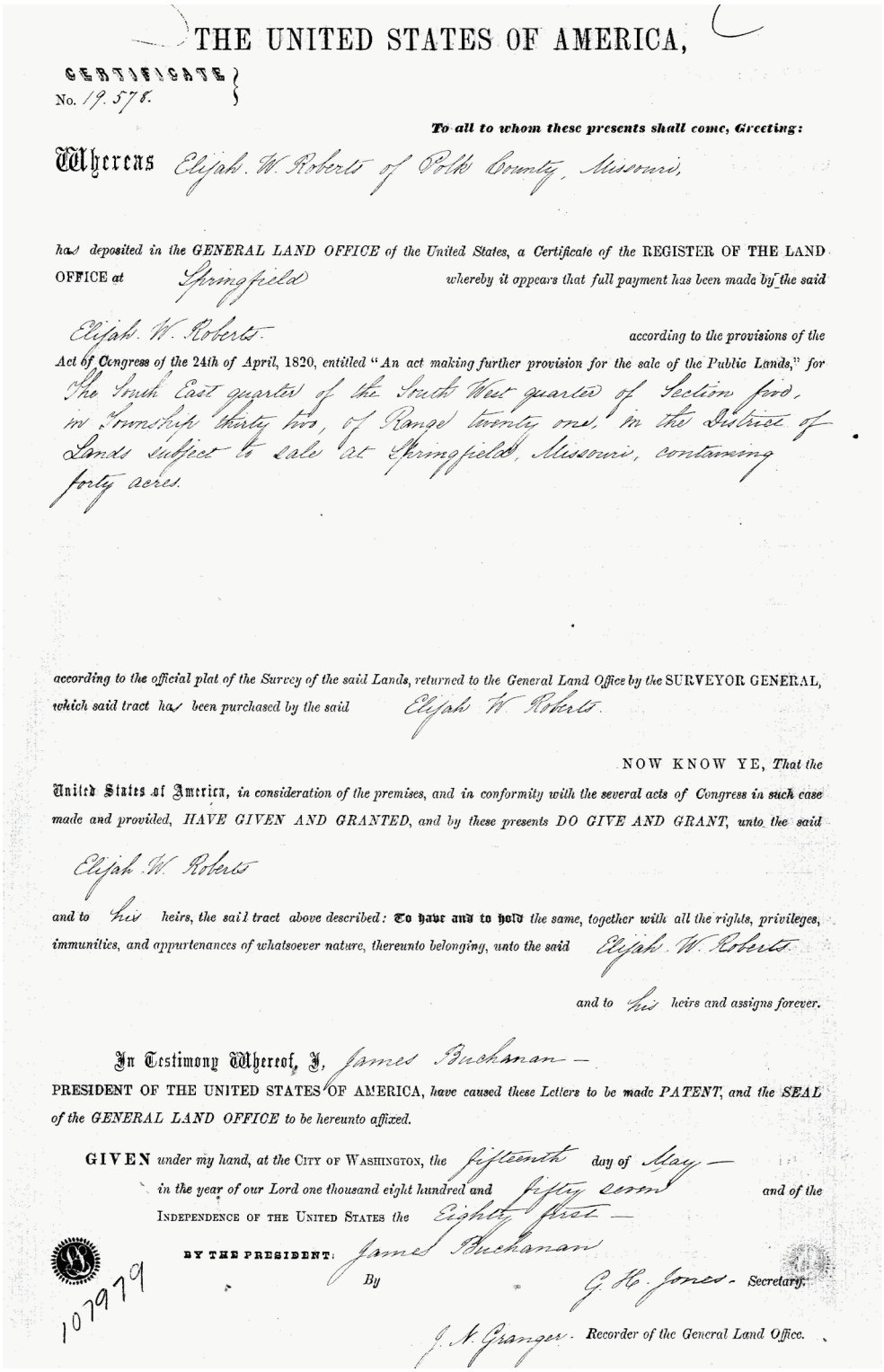
SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Mooney Township in the County of Polk State of Mo enumerated by me, on the 28 day of July 1860. W.M. Wiley Ass't Marshal.
Post Office Pleasant Hope.

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read and write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1207	1186	Harrison Patterson	24	M		Farmer	400	500	Mo				
		Sarah	28	F					Mo				
1208	1187	G B Fulkerson	38	M		Farmer	1500	1500	Tenn				
		Rebecca	33	F					Tenn				
		Frances	10	F					Mo		1		
		Emily	8	F					Mo		1		
		Jane	6	F					Mo		1		
		Mary	4	F					Mo				
		Hannah	1	F					Mo				
1209	1188	B J Emerson	46	M		Waggon Maker	500	400	Tenn				
		Mary	44	F					Ga			1	
		Sarah	22	F					Miss				
		Washington	16	M		Farmhand			Tenn		1		
		Cynthia	13	F					Mo		1		
		Emma	9	M					Mo		1		
		Emeline	7	F					Mo		1		
		Robert	3	M					Mo				
1210	1189	Jane Huggins	45	F				100	Ga				
		Sarah	17	F					Tenn		1		
		Rhoda	15	F					Tenn		1		
1211	1190	Cyntha Martin	34	F			300	100	Tenn			1	
		Madelena	5	F					Mo				
		Marshal	4	M					Mo				
		Mary	1	F					Mo				
1212	1191	Margaret Crudson	39	F				1000	Tenn				
		Mary	14	F					Mo		1		
		John	12	M					Mo		1		
		James	9	M					Mo				
		William Patterson	21	M		Blacksmith			Mo				
1213	1192	Elijah W Roberts	42	M			100	1000	Ky				
		Nancy	37	F					Ind			1	
		John	14	M					Mo				
		Marion	10	M					Mo				
		Elizabeth	9	F					Mo				
		Henry	6	M					Mo				
		Evangeline	3	F					Mo				
1214	1193	John C Cochron	41	M		Farmer	3000	6000	Tenn				
		Martha	36	F					NC				
		Mary	22	F					Tenn				
		Marshal	20	M		Farmhand			Tenn				
		No. white males, 16 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____							No. idiotic, ____				
		No. white females, 24 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____					4800	10604	No. paupers, ____				No. convicts, ____

"1860 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4233990_00171?pId=40611646 : accessed 13 Nov 2021), Missouri > Polk > Mooney > Image 5 of 19.

Figure 10.5

Elijah W. Roberts[10] 1857 Land Purchase, Polk County, Missouri



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE } No. 19.578.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas Elijah W. Roberts of Polk County, Missouri,

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Springfield whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Elijah W. Roberts according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for The South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section four, in Township thirty two, of Range twenty one, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Springfield, Missouri, containing forty acres.

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said Elijah W. Roberts

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Elijah W. Roberts and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Elijah W. Roberts and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, James Buchanan — PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the fifteenth day of May — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Eighty first —

BY THE PRESIDENT: James Buchanan

By G. K. Jones. Secretary.

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J. N. Granger. Recorder of the General Land Office.

"U.S., General Land Office Records, 1776-2015," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1246/images/RHUSA2007B_MO5510-00093?pId=1390796 : accessed 13 Nov 2021), Missouri > Polk > Image 2450 of 3960.

Figure 10.6

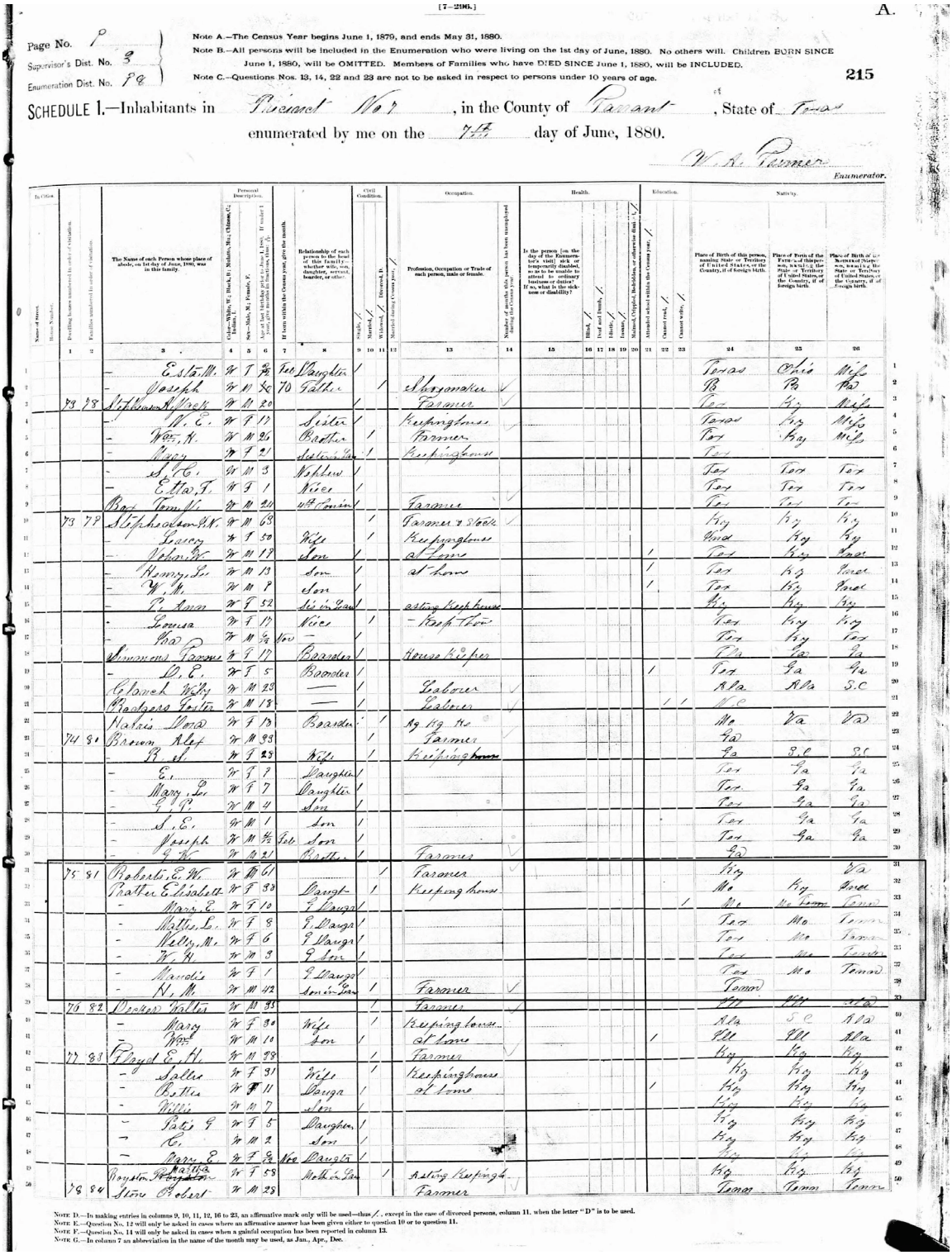
Elijah W. Roberts[10] Polk County, Missouri Property



Google Earth Pro. SE/4 of SW/4 of Section 5, Township 32 North, Range 21 West, Polk County, Missouri. GPS of center point: 37.523300, -93.263588. © 2021 Google.

Figure 10.7

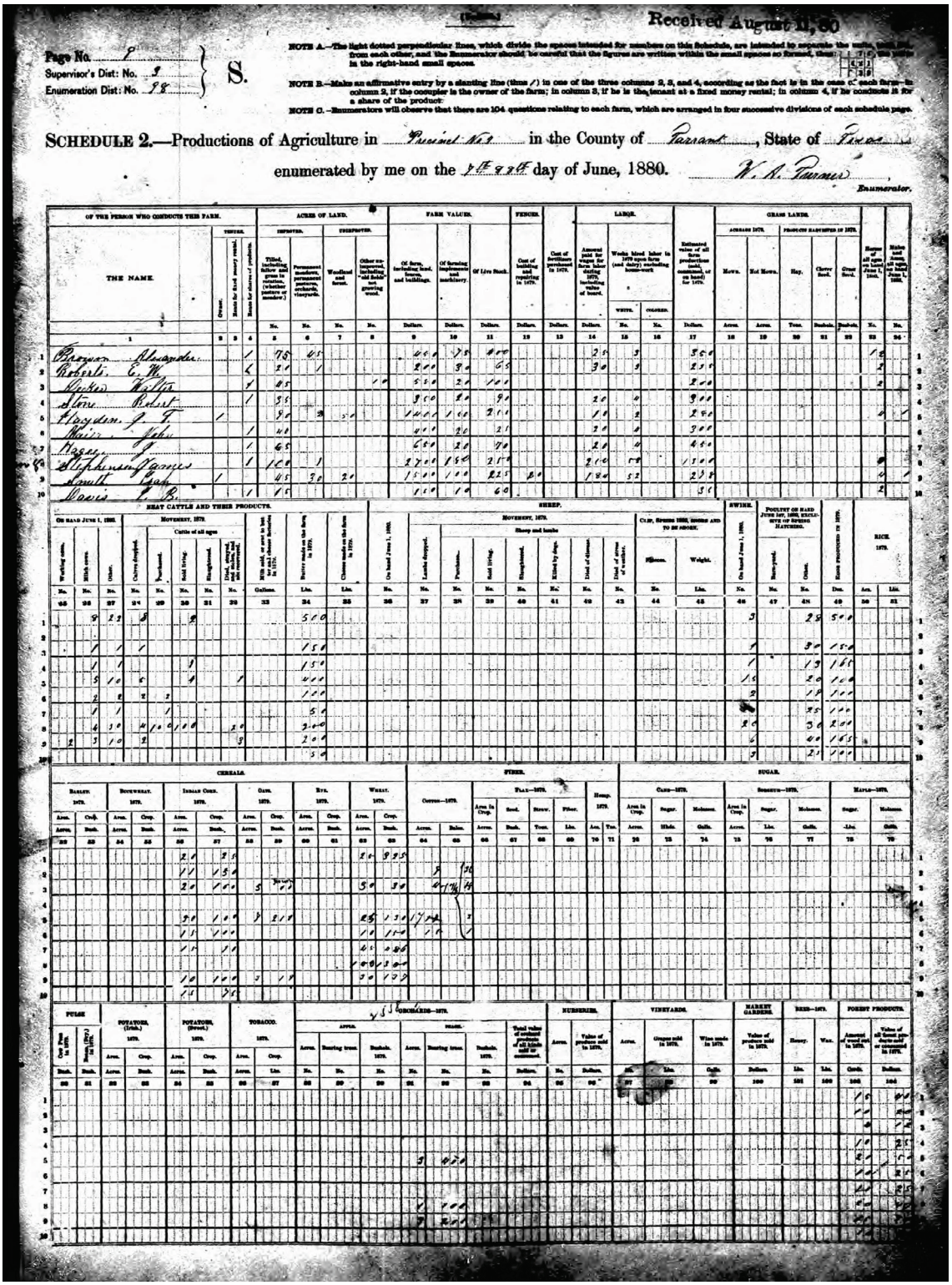
1880 United States Federal Census – Tarrant County, Texas



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Figure 10.8

1880 Agricultural Schedule – Tarrant County, Texas



"U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1276/images/T1134_40-00271?pId=2975972 : accessed 13 Nov 2021, Texas > Agriculture > 1880 > Tarrant > Precinct 7 > Image 9 of 30.

Generation 3

11. WILLIAM ROBERTS (b. 2 Feb 1827, d. 5 Sep 1891)



William Roberts
From photo album belonging to William's son, Isaac Henry[25], and his wife, Clara Lillian (Shrader) Roberts.

Birth: 2 Feb 1827 in Indiana, likely Ripley or Switzerland County.

Marriage & children: 16 Mar 1848 to Sarah L. Christie in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 10 Mar 1829 in Jefferson County, Indiana; d. 16 Dec 1912 in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana).

- John W. Roberts
  - b. 30 Dec 1848 in Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 6 Feb 1879 to Sarah Jane Anspach in Decatur County, Indiana (b. 5 Jun 1854 in Clay County, Illinois; d. 28 Feb 1937 in Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana).
  - d. 10 Sep 1900 in Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana.
- [Daughter] Roberts
  - b. abt. 1855 in Ripley or Decatur County, Indiana.
  - d. bef. 1860 in Ripley or Decatur County, Indiana.
- George Lucas Roberts
  - b. 19 Nov 1860 in Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
  - m. 19 Nov 1884 to Olive A. Lynch in Decatur County, Indiana (b. 5 Jan 1864 in Indiana; d. 2 Apr 1929 in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana).
  - d. 26 Feb 1941 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.
- Isaac Henry Roberts
  - b. 15 Mar 1863 in Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
  - m. 25 Dec 1863 to Clarissa "Clara" Lillian Shrader in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas (b. 26 Nov 1866 in Ohio; d. 5 Jun 1946 in Ottawa, Franklin County, Kansas).
  - d. 3 May 1950 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

Death: 5 Sep 1891 in Decatur County, Indiana.

William Roberts was the eldest of a large family of 11 children born to John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts. While there are discrepancies in available records about his birth date and location, I have placed is birth as 2 Feb 1827 in either Ripley or Switzerland County, Indiana.

- William's birth was recorded as 2 Feb 1827 in the family Bible of son, Isaac Henry Roberts[25].[1]

[1] See Figure 25.1. Transcript of the Isaac Henry[25] and Clara Roberts Family Bible.

- William's obituary notes he was born 1 Feb 1827 in Ripley County, Indiana.[2]
- A biographical sketch of son, George Lucas Roberts[24], states William's birth was 2 Feb 1827 near Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana.[3]
- William's headstone notes his age at death was 64 years, 7 months, 4 days, placing his birth as 1 Feb 1827.[4]
- William's burial record from the South Park Cemetery identifies his birth as 2 Feb 1826 in Jefferson County, Indiana.[5]
- William's parents moved from Ripley to Switzerland County prior to 1830, though a precise date is not known. Thus, it is possible he was born in Switzerland County.

While I have not found an 1830 census record that positively reflects the John S. Roberts[4] family, the one that most closely matches the known family members is in Switzerland County, Indiana. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear to be in that, or subsequent, census records.[6]

- Male < 5 – 1 [Charles[12]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 [William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 [either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John[4]]
- Female < 5 – 1 [Sarah[13]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 [Unknown]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that William's father was engaged in agriculture. As was common during this era, William likely spent much of his youth helping with chores around the family farm.[7]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where William's father had purchased 91 acres of

[2] See Figure 11.13. William Roberts[11] Death Notice & Obituary.
[3] See Figure 24.1. 1900 Biographical Sketch of George Lucas Roberts[24].
[4] See Figure 11.16. Roberts Family Burial Plot – South Park Cemetery.
[5] See Figure 11.15. William Roberts[11] Burial Record – South Park Cemetery.
[6] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[7] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.

land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, William's parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[8,9,10]

The Christie family were prominent members of WFBC at that time, and it is likely that through the church, William met his future wife, Sarah L. Christie, whom he married on 16 Mar 1848 in Ripley County. Sarah is a granddaughter of Revolutionary War veteran, James Christie and his wife Sarah (Lemmon) Christie, through their son, Isaac Christie.[11]

> Sarah's father, Isaac, was a Baptist pastor in several churches across southeastern Indiana, Missouri, and Iowa. He began his pastorate in 1841 where he was the founding pastor of Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church, currently located at 2601 N. Ryker's Ridge Road, Madison, Indiana. The church was part of the Underground Railroad helping slaves escape to freedom in Canada. Prominent members of the church would house the slaves in the church garret and provide them with food and firearms to help them resist arrest on their journey. Sometime prior to 1860, Isaac relocated to Gentry County, Missouri where he continued to preach. His time in Gentry County was short, however, as in the 1860 election, he voted for Abraham Lincoln for president and was subsequently "notified to leave the county or his life would be taken[!]" He removed to Monroe County, Iowa where he continued to preach until his death on 27 Mar 1865.[12,13,14,15]

In his early years, William taught school before devoting the rest of his life to farming. He is described as "a man of quiet disposition, and although positive in his political and religious views never intruded his opinions in an offensive manner. He was originally a member of the Baptist denomination, but in his later years became connected with the Christian church. In politics he was a Democrat." Physically, one leg was a bit shorter than the other.[16]



Sarah (Christie) Roberts
From the Isaac Henry[25] & Clara Lillian (Shrader) Roberts Photo Album.

The 1850 census shows that William and Sarah had moved to Shelby Township in Ripley County, Indiana, and that first-born son, John W.[22] was about one year old. William's occupation is listed as farmer. By 1860, the family had migrated to Adams Township in Decatur County, Indiana, where William continued farming and lived until his death. It was likely during the 10-year

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[8] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[9] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[10] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.
[11] Figure 11.1. William Roberts[11] and Sarah Christie Marriage Record.
[12] Figure 11.2. Excerpt from *History of the Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church*.
[13] Figure 11.3. 1860 United States Federal Census – Township No. 62, Gentry County, Missouri.
[14] Figure 11.4. Excerpt from Historical Sketches of Iowa Baptists.
[15] Figure 11.5. Isaac Christie Will Record.
[16] See Figure 24.1. 1900 Biographical Sketch of George Lucas Roberts[24] and Figure 11.19. Newspaper Clippings – William Roberts[11] Trip to Monmouth, Illinois.

period between 1850 and 1860 when William and Sarah had a young daughter[23], who passed away in infancy.[17,18,19]

As with all eligible men of the period, William is found in the Jun 1863 Civil War Draft Registration records for Adams Township; however, I have not found any record of actual service. This is most likely due to his being married with three children at home.[20]

William does not seem to have been a wealthy man by any account. The 1860 census shows his personal estate was valued at $200, and that he apparently did not own any land since no value for real estate was listed. In 1865, he was levied a tax of $1.75 on an income of $35.00. I have been unable to find any land records for William, and an 1867 plat map for Adams Township does not identify William as a land owner. His small income reported in 1865 and owning no land in 1867 may suggest he was renting a home on someone else's land and farming in lieu of paying rent.[21,22]

For the 1870 Adams Township census, William reported a personal estate value of $500 with his occupation shown as a farmer. By 1880, son John W.[22] had already married, so was no longer living at home and son George Lucas[24] was teaching school.[23,24]

I have not found many additional records about William between the 1880 census and his death on 5 Sep 1891. He appears to have died intestate. Death notices and his obituary note that he passed away of uremic poisoning after an illness of only 34 hours. He confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized in 1851. He lived a Christian life, and a large number of friends attended his funeral at the Adams Township Christian Church. He was buried at the Hebron Cemetery outside of the town of Adams in Decatur County; however, in Oct 1900 he was moved to the South Park Cemetery in Greensburg, Indiana where he was reburied on 6 Oct 1900.[25,26,27]

Roberts Family Burial Plot

On 13 Sep 1900, Sarah Jane (Anspach) Roberts (wife of John W. Roberts[22]) purchased a plot in the South Park Cemetery which would become the burial location for William; his wife, Sarah Christie Roberts; and William's son, John W. Roberts[22], his wife, Sarah, and two of their children, Clyde C. Roberts and Tressvylian Roberts. The plot is laid out with a large family marker for William and Sarah. To the right of that are four small markers, identifying the graves of Tressvylian, Clyde, Sarah Jane, and John W. To the left are two small markers with the initials W. R. and S. C. R. engraved, but no further identifying information. These must be the headstones for William Roberts

[17] Figure 11.6. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[18] Figure 11.7. 1860 United States Federal Census – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
[19] See Figure 11.13. William Roberts[11] Death Notice & Obituary.
[20] Figure 11.8. 1863 Civil War Draft Registration, Decatur County, Indiana.
[21] Figure 11.9. 1865 Tax Assessment – Decatur County, Indiana.
[22] Figure 11.10. 1867 Plat Map – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
[23] Figure 11.11. 1870 United States Federal Census – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
[24] Figure 11.12. 1880 United States Federal Census – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
[25] Figure 11.13. William Roberts[11] Death Notice & Obituary.
[26] Figure 11.14. Newspaper Clipping – William Roberts[11] Remains Moved to South Park Cemetery.
[27] Figure 11.15. William Roberts[11] Burial Record – South Park Cemetery.

and Sarah Christie Roberts, who passed away 16 Dec 1912 at the home of son, George Lucas Roberts[24].[28,29,30,31,32]

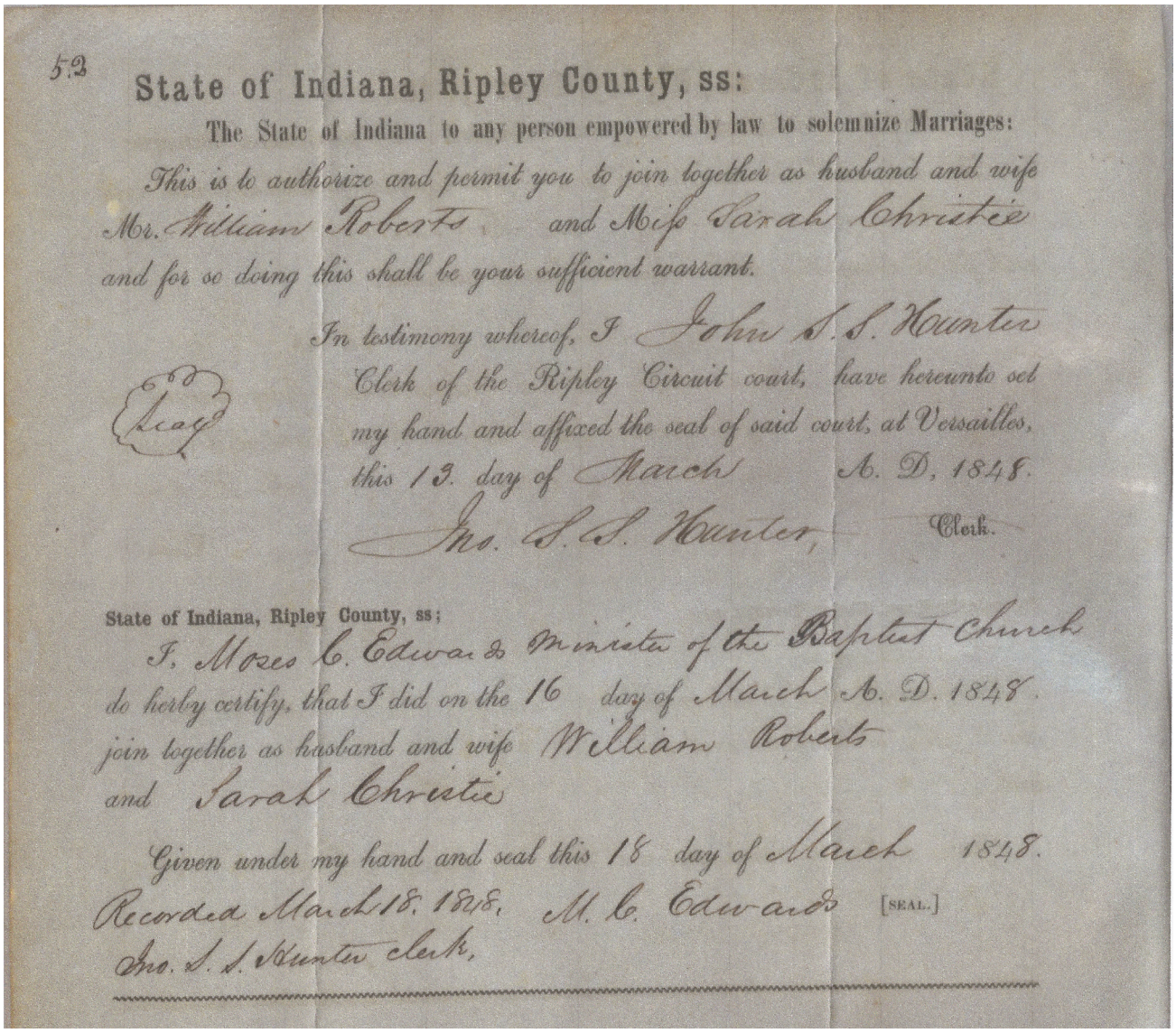
Fun Factoid

In Nov 1883, William rode his horse approximately 4.5 miles from his home near Adams to Greensburg, put his horse in a livery stable, withdrew $160 from the bank, and disappeared. A search was undertaken, but his whereabouts were unknown until 29 Nov when he was heard from while at his sister's house, Sarah (Roberts) Rayburn[13], about 330 miles away in Monmouth, Illinois! There was speculation of foul play, but it turned out he went to visit his sister for Thanksgiving and forgot to let anyone know![33]

[28] See Figure 22.13. Register of Deeds – South Park Cemetery.
[29] Figure 11.16. Roberts Family Burial Plot – South Park Cemetery.
[30] Personal email dated 6 Jul 2021 from Cassie Pahl, Office Manager, South Park Cemetery Association.
[31] Figure 11.17. Sarah (Christie) Roberts Death Certificate.
[32] Figure 11.18. Sarah (Christie) Roberts Obituary.
[33] Figure 11.19. Newspaper Clippings – William Roberts[11] Trip to Monmouth, Illinois.

Figure 11.1

William Roberts[11] and Sarah Christie Marriage Record



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State of Indiana, Ripley County, ss:

The State of Indiana to any person empowered by law to solemnize Marriages:

This is to authorize and permit you to join together as husband and wife Mr. William Roberts and Miss Sarah Christie and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof, I John S. S. Hunter Clerk of the Ripley Circuit court, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at Versailles, this 13. day of March A. D, 1848.

Seal

Jno. S. S. Hunter, Clerk.

State of Indiana, Ripley County, ss;

I, Moses C. Edwards Minister of the Baptist Church do herby certify, that I did on the 16 day of March A. D. 1848. join together as husband and wife William Roberts and Sarah Christie

Given under my hand and seal this 18 day of March 1848.

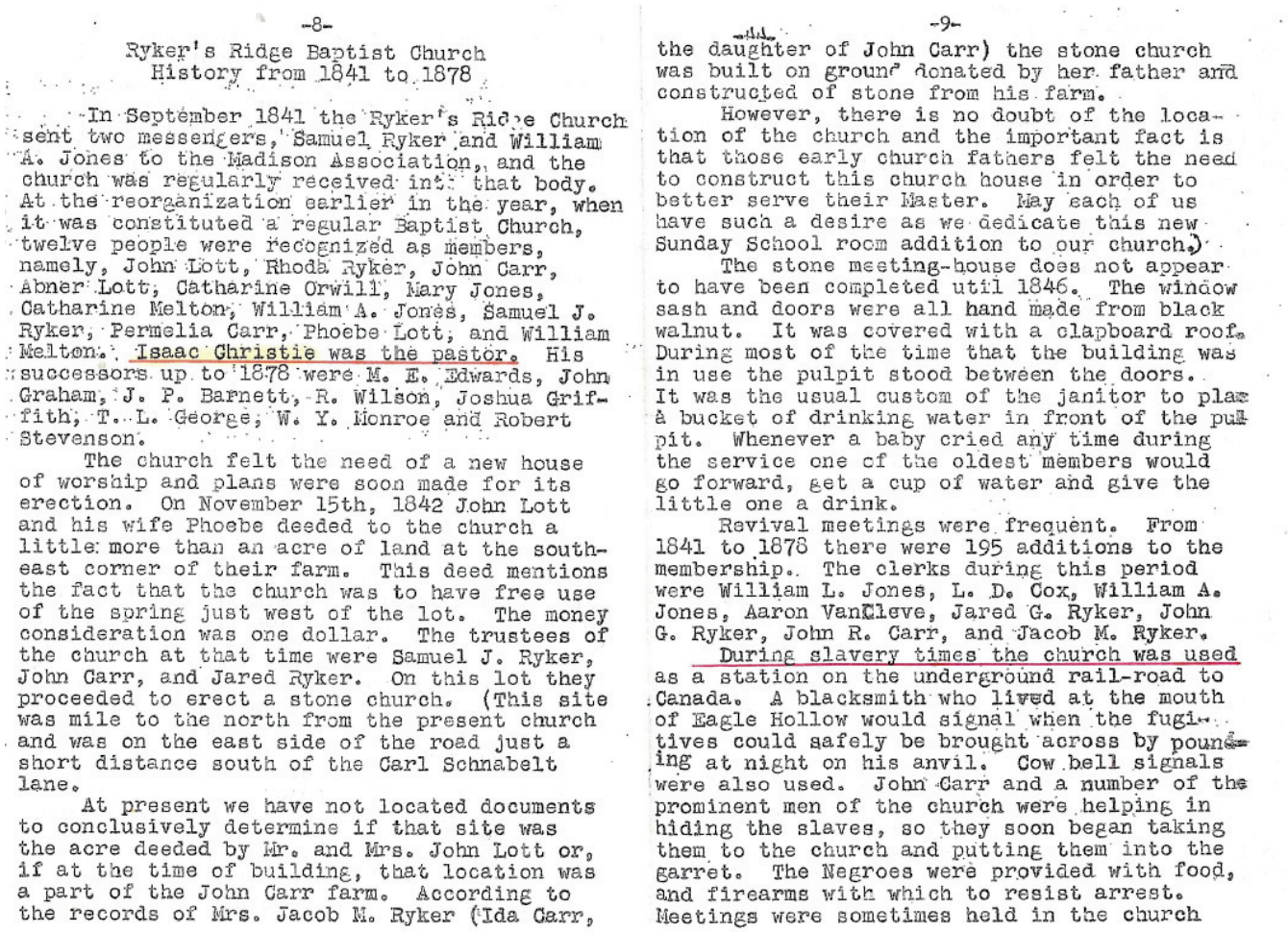
Recorded March 18. 1848. M. C. Edwards [SEAL.]

Jno. S. S. Hunter clerk.

Received 8 Jan 2016 from the Ripley County Circuit Court, 115 N Main St. Versailles, IN.
Source: Marriage Record #5, pg. 52.

Figure 11.2

Excerpt from *History of the Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church*



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Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church
History from 1841 to 1878

In September 1841 the Ryker's Ridge Church sent two messengers, Samuel Ryker and William A. Jones to the Madison Association, and the church was regularly received into that body. At the reorganization earlier in the year, when it was constituted a regular Baptist Church, twelve people were recognized as members, namely, John Lott, Rhoda Ryker, John Carr, Abner Lott, Catharine Orwill, Mary Jones, Catharine Melton, William A. Jones, Samuel J. Ryker, Permelia Carr, Phoebe Lott, and William Melton. Isaac Christie was the pastor. His successors up to 1878 were M. E. Edwards, John Graham, J. P. Barnett, R. Wilson, Joshua Griffith, T. L. George, W. Y. Monroe and Robert Stevenson.

The church felt the need of a new house of worship and plans were soon made for its erection. On November 15th, 1842 John Lott and his wife Phoebe deeded to the church a little more than an acre of land at the southeast corner of their farm. This deed mentions the fact that the church was to have free use of the spring just west of the lot. The money consideration was one dollar. The trustees of the church at that time were Samuel J. Ryker, John Carr, and Jared Ryker. On this lot they proceeded to erect a stone church. (This site was mile to the north from the present church and was on the east side of the road just a short distance south of the Carl Schnabelt lane.

At present we have not located documents to conclusively determine if that site was the acre deeded by Mr. and Mrs. John Lott or, if at the time of building, that location was a part of the John Carr farm. According to the records of Mrs. Jacob M. Ryker (Ida Carr,

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the daughter of John Carr) the stone church was built on ground donated by her father and constructed of stone from his farm.

However, there is no doubt of the location of the church and the important fact is that those early church fathers felt the need to construct this church house in order to better serve their Master. May each of us have such a desire as we dedicate this new Sunday School room addition to our church.)

The stone meeting-house does not appear to have been completed util 1846. The window sash and doors were all hand made from black walnut. It was covered with a clapboard roof. During most of the time that the building was in use the pulpit stood between the doors. It was the usual custom of the janitor to place a bucket of drinking water in front of the pulpit. Whenever a baby cried any time during the service one of the oldest members would go forward, get a cup of water and give the little one a drink.

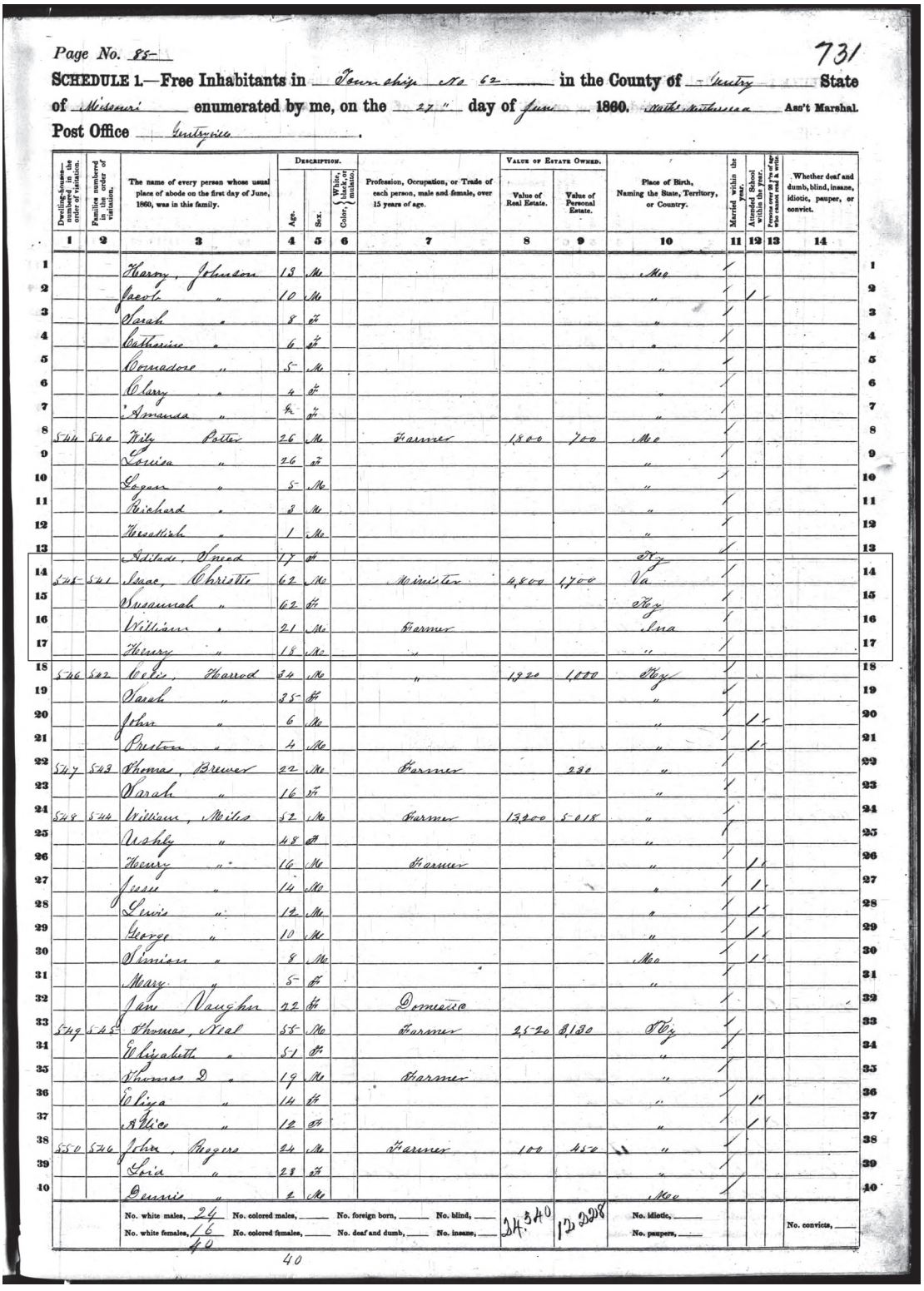
Revival meetings were frequent. From 1841 to 1878 there were 195 additions to the membership. The clerks during this period were William L. Jones, L. D. Cox, William A. Jones, Aaron VanCleve, Jared G. Ryker, John G. Ryker, John R. Carr, and Jacob M. Ryker.

During slavery times the church was used as a station on the underground rail-road to Canada. A blacksmith who lived at the mouth of Eagle Hollow would signal when the fugitives could safely be brought across by pounding at night on his anvil. Cow bell signals were also used. John Carr and a number of the prominent men of the church were helping in hiding the slaves, so they soon began taking them to the church and putting them into the garret. The Negroes were provided with food, and firearms with which to resist arrest. Meetings were sometimes held in the church

Carr, Mary Stella, *History of the Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church*, Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church, pgs. 8-9. Written about 1966. Received from Doug Christie, a descendant of Sarah's grandfather, James Christie, in 2015.

Figure 11.3

1860 United States Federal Census, Township No. 62, Gentry County, Missouri



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Township No 62 in the County of Gentry State of Missouri enumerated by me, on the 27th day of June 1860. Asst Marshal.

Post Office Gentryville.

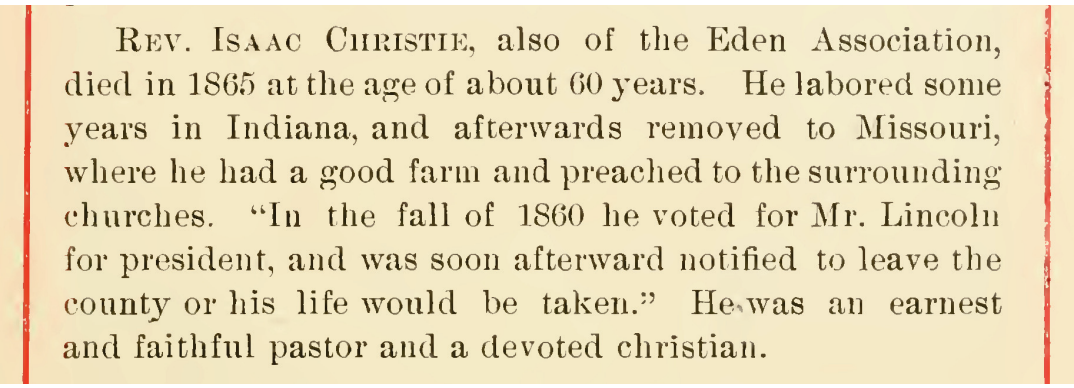
Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, white, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Henry Johnson	13	Me					Me				
		Jacob "	10	Me					"				
		Sarah "	8	"					"				
		Catherine "	6	"					"				
		Comadore "	5	Me					"				
		Clary "	4	"					"				
		Amanda "	4	"					"				
544	540	Nily Potter	26	Me		Farmer	1800	700	Me				
		Louisa "	26	"					"				
		Logan "	5	Me					"				
		Richard "	3	Me					"				
		Hezekiah "	1	Me					"				
		Adilade Smith	17	"					Ky				
545	541	Isaac Christie	62	Me		Minister	4,800	1,700	Va				
		Susannah "	62	"					Ky				
		William "	21	Me		Farmer			Ind				
		Henry "	18	Me		"			"				
546	542	Wells, Harrod	34	Me		"	1,920	1,000	Ky				
		Sarah "	35	"					"				
		John "	6	Me					"				
		Preston "	4	Me					"				
547	543	Thomas, Brewer	22	Me		Farmer		220	"				
		Sarah "	16	"					"				
548	544	William, Miles	52	Me		Farmer	13,200	5,018	"				
		Ashly "	48	"					"				
		Henry "	16	Me		Farmer			"				
		Jesse "	14	Me					"				
		Lewis "	12	Me					"				
		George "	10	Me					"				
		Simion "	8	Me					Mo				
		Mary "	5	"					"				
		Jane Vaughn	22	"		Domestic							
549	545	Thomas, Neal	55	Me		Farmer	2,500	8,130	Ky				
		Elizabeth "	51	"					"				
		Thomas D "	19	Me		Farmer			"				
		Eliza "	14	"					"				
		Alice "	12	"					"				
550	546	John, Rogers	24	Me		Farmer	100	450	"				
		Lois "	23	"					"				
		Dennis "	2	Me					Mo				
		No. white males, 24 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____							No. idiotic, ____				No. convicts, ____
		No. white females, 16 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____					34,340	12,228	No. paupers, ____				
		40											

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"1860 United States Federal Census," database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4233969_00085?pId=40175969 : accessed 19 Jan 2022), Missouri > Gentry > Township 62 > Image 45 of 50.

Figure 11.4

Excerpt from Historical Sketches of Iowa Baptists

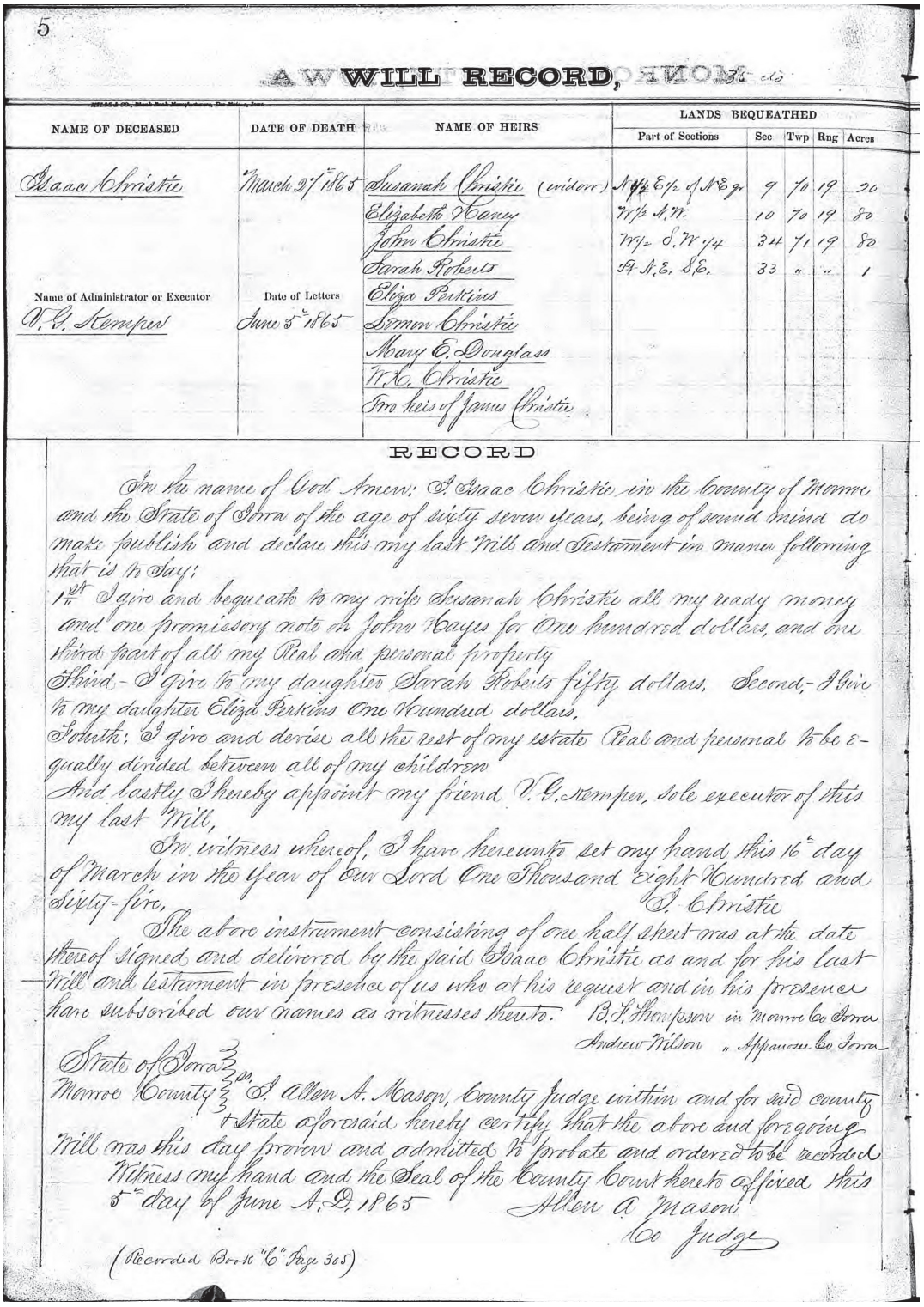


REV. ISAAC CHRISTIE, also of the Eden Association, died in 1865 at the age of about 60 years. He labored some years in Indiana, and afterwards removed to Missouri, where he had a good farm and preached to the surrounding churches. "In the fall of 1860 he voted for Mr. Lincoln for president, and was soon afterward notified to leave the county or his life would be taken." He was an earnest and faithful pastor and a devoted christian.

Mitchell, S. H., Historical Sketches of Iowa Baptists, Burdette Company, Burlington, Iowa, 1886, pg. 479 (https://archive.org/details/historicalsketch00mitc, accessed 19 Jan 2022).

Figure 11.5

Isaac Christie Will Record



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WILL RECORD,

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF HEIRS	LANDS BEQUEATHED			
			Part of Sections	Sec	Twp	Rng	Acres
Isaac Christie	March 27th 1865	Susanah Christie (widow)	N½ E½ of S.E. q.	9	70	19	20
		Elizabeth Carey	W½ S.W.	10	70	19	80
		John Christie	W½ S.W 1/4	34	71	19	80
		Sarah Roberts	S.E. S.E.	33	"	"	1
Name of Administrator or Executor	Date of Letters	Eliza Perkins					
V. G. Kemper	June 5th 1865	Lemon Christie					
		Mary E. Douglass					
		W. H. Christie					
		Two heirs of James Christie					

RECORD

In the name of God Amen: I Isaac Christie in the County of Monroe and the State of Iowa of the age of sixty seven years, being of sound mind do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say:

1st I give and bequeath to my wife Susanah Christie all my ready money and one promissory note on John Hayes for One hundred dollars, and one third part of all my Real and personal property

Third - I give to my daughter Sarah Roberts fifty dollars. Second,- I Give to my daughter Eliza Perkins One Hundred dollars.

Fourth: I give and devise all the rest of my estate Real and personal to be equally divided between all of my children

And lastly I hereby appoint my friend V. G. Kemper, sole executor of this my last Will,

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-five,

I. Christie

The above instrument consisting of one half sheet was at the date thereof signed and delivered by the said Isaac Christie as and for his last Will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. B. F. Thompson in Monroe Co Iowa

Andrew Wilson " Appanoose Co Iowa

State of Iowa } ss.
Monroe County }

I Allen A. Mason, County Judge within and for said county & State aforesaid hereby certify that the above and foregoing Will was this day proven and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded

Witness my hand and the Seal of the County Court hereto affixed this 5th day of June A.D. 1865

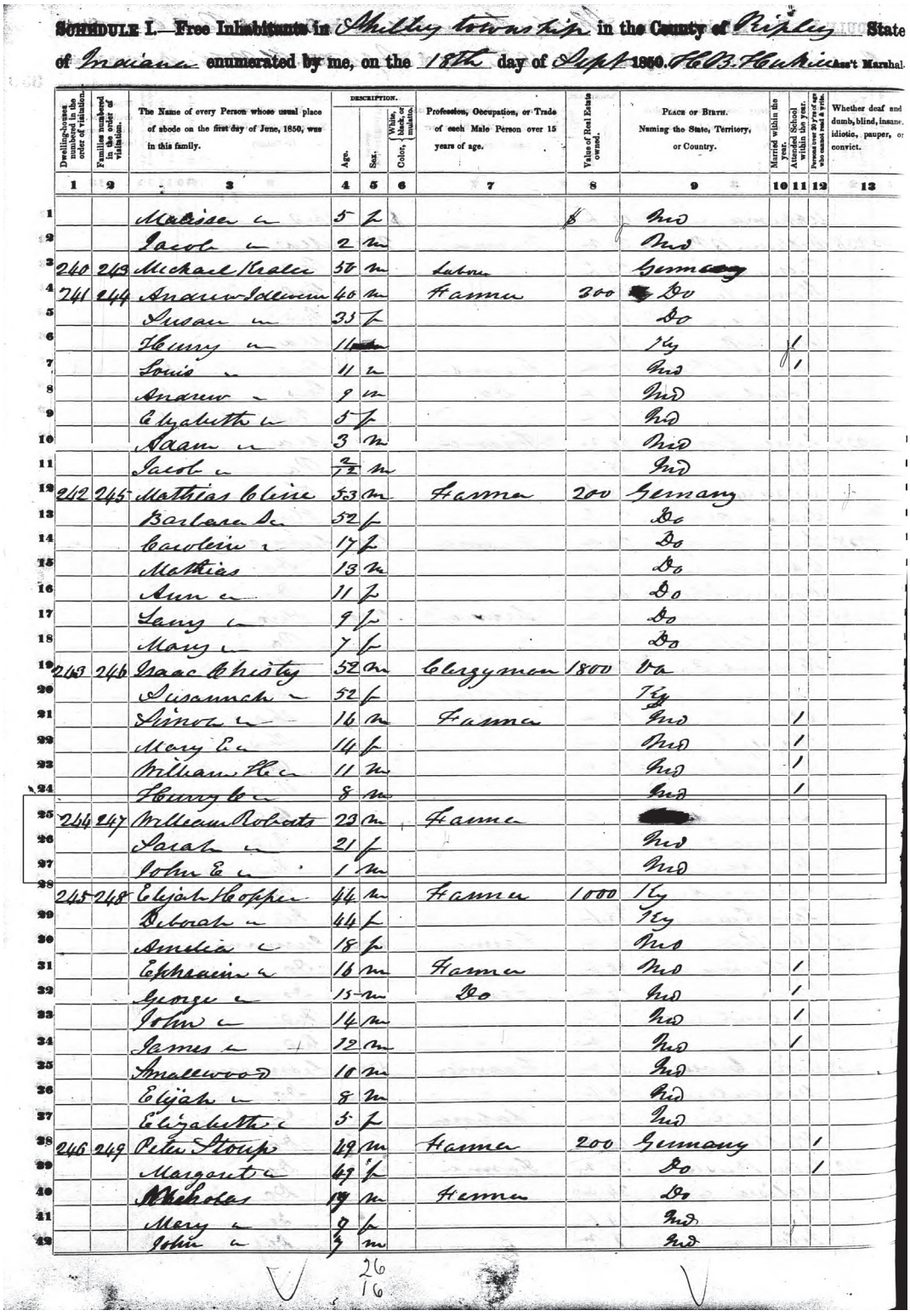
Allen A Mason
Co Judge

(Recorded Book "C" Page 305)

"Iowa, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1758-1997," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9064/images/007592050_00031?pId=1069417 : accessed 19 Jan 2022), Monroe > Will Record, Vol A-B, 1852-1904 > Image 31 of 741.

Figure 11.6

1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana



SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Shelby township in the County of Ripley State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 18th day of Sept 1850. H.B. Hutchison Ass't Marshal.

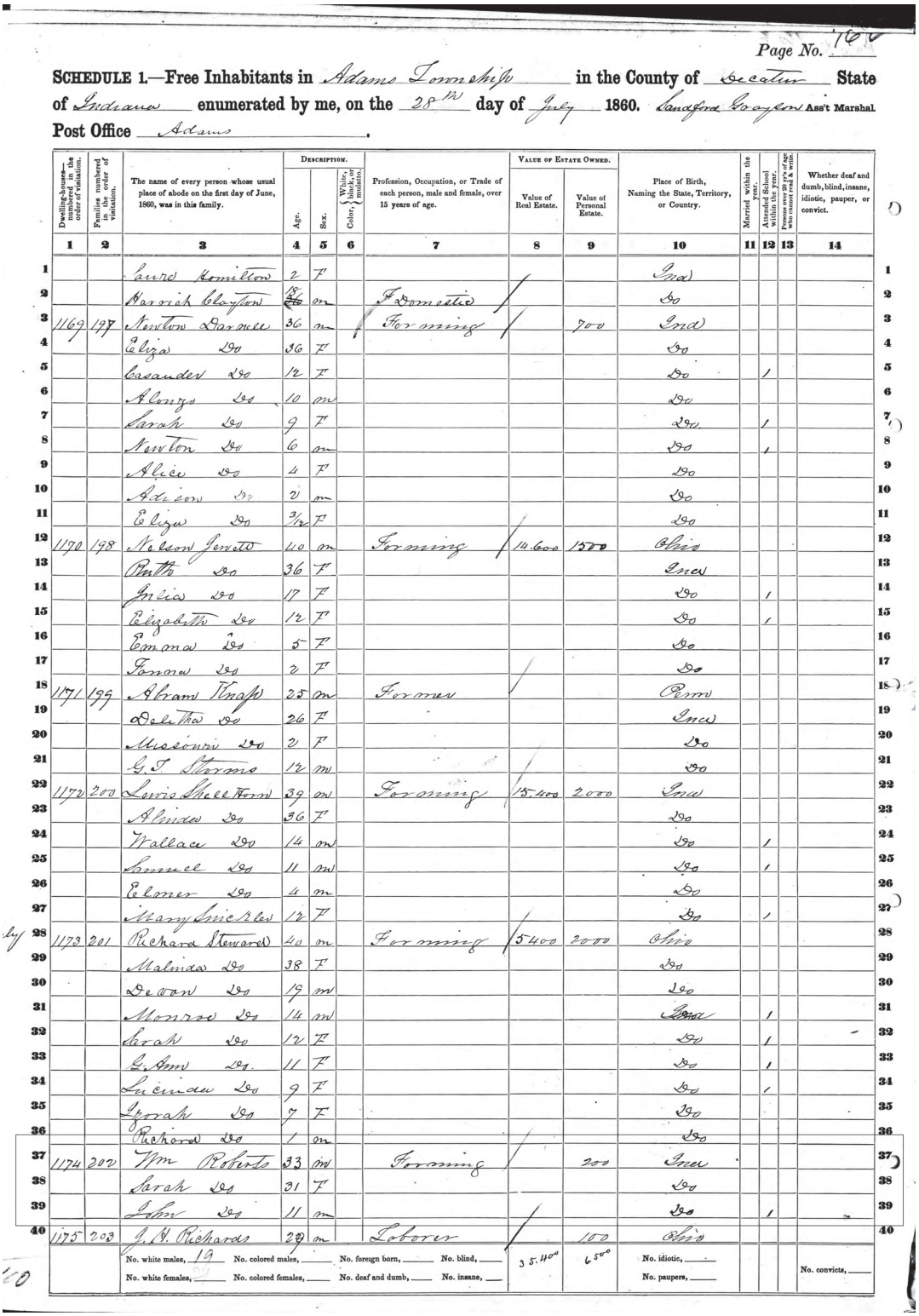
Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION. Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Person over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1		Madison [illegible]	5	f			6	Ind				
2		Jacob [illegible]	2	m				Ind				
3	240	243 Michael Kraler	50	m		Labor		Germany				
4	241	244 Andrew Idleman	40	m		Farmer	300	[redacted] Do				
5		Susan [illegible]	33	f				Do				
6		Henry [illegible]	16	[redacted]				Ky		1		
7		Louis [illegible]	11	m				Ind		1		
8		Andrew [illegible]	9	m				Ind				
9		Elizabeth [illegible]	5	f				Ind				
10		Adam [illegible]	3	m				Ind				
11		Jacob [illegible]	2/12	m				Ind				
12	242	245 Mathias Cline	53	m		Farmer	200	Germany				
13		Barbara Do	52	f				Do				
14		Caroline [illegible]	17	f				Do				
15		Mathias	13	m				Do				
16		Ann [illegible]	11	f				Do				
17		Lany [illegible]	9	f				Do				
18		Mary [illegible]	7	f				Do				
19	243	246 Isaac Christy	52	m		Clergyman	1800	Va				
20		Susannah [illegible]	52	f				Ky				
21		Simon [illegible]	16	m		Farmer		Ind		1		
22		Mary [illegible]	14	f				Ind		1		
23		William H [illegible]	11	m				Ind		1		
24		Henry [illegible]	8	m				Ind		1		
25	244	247 William Roberts	23	m		Farmer		[redacted]				
26		Sarah [illegible]	21	f				Ind				
27		John E [illegible]	1	m				Ind				
28	245	248 Elijah Hopper	44	m		Farmer	1000	Ky				
29		Deborah [illegible]	44	f				Ky				
30		Amelia [illegible]	18	f				Ind				
31		Ephraim [illegible]	16	m		Farmer		Ind		1		
32		George [illegible]	15	m		Do		Ind		1		
33		John [illegible]	14	m				Ind		1		
34		James [illegible]	12	m				Ind		1		
35		Smallwood	10	m				Ind				
36		Elijah [illegible]	8	m				Ind				
37		Elizabeth [illegible]	5	f				Ind				
38	246	249 Peter Stoup	49	m		Farmer	200	Germany			1	
39		Margaret [illegible]	49	f				Do			1	
40		Nicholas	19	m		Farmer		Do				
41		Mary [illegible]	9	f				Ind				
42		John [illegible]	7	m				Ind				

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"1850 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4192474_00307?pId=2297964 : accessed 14 Nov 2021), Indiana > Ripley > Shelby > Image 34 of 57.

Figure 11.7

1860 United States Federal Census – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Adams Township in the County of Decatur State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 28th day of July 1860. Landson Grayson Ass't Marshal

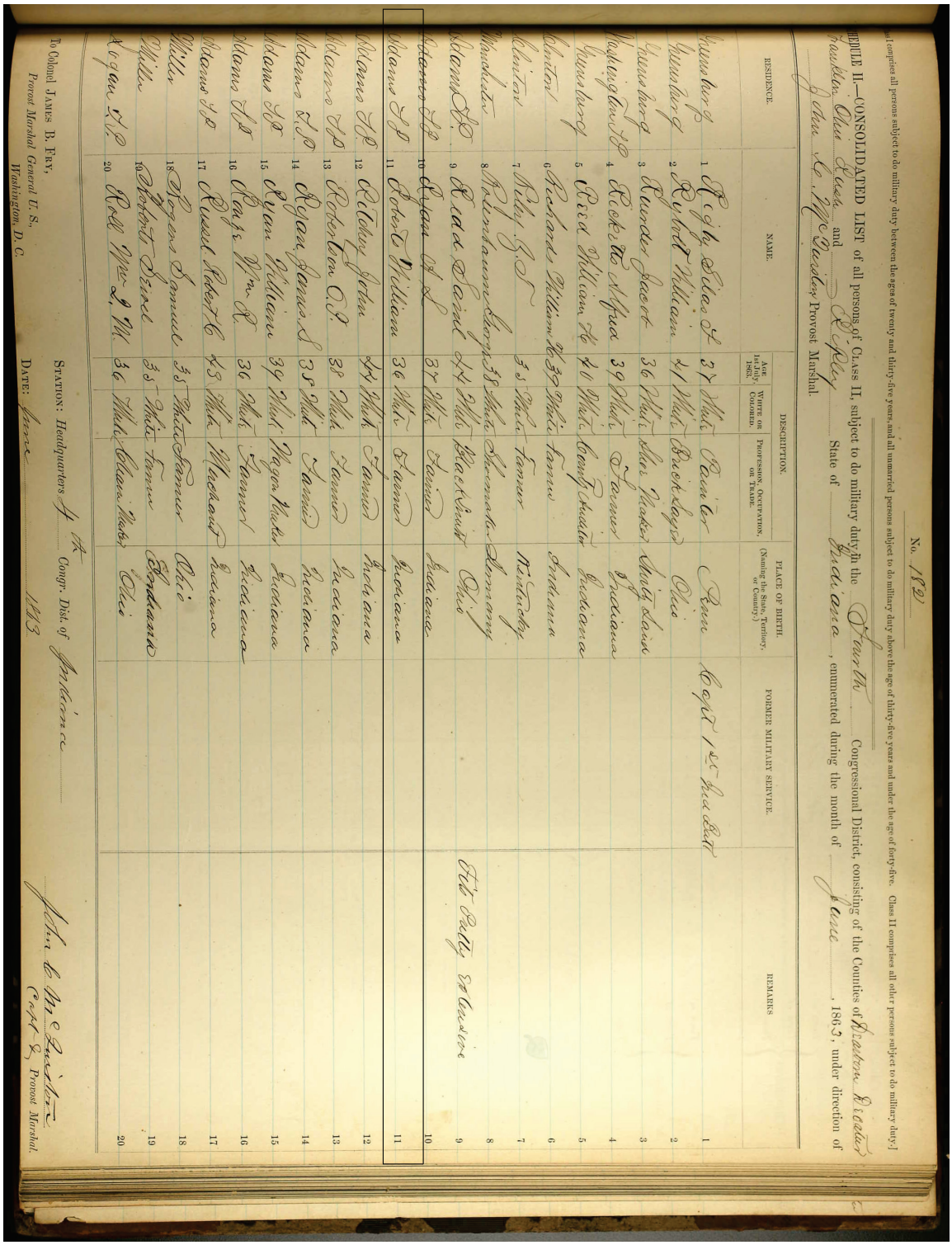
Post Office Adams

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto).	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Laura Hamilton	2	F					Ind				
		Harriet Clayton	18	m		Domestic			Do				
1169	197	Newton Barnett	36	m		Farming		700	Ind				
		Eliza Do	36	F					Do				
		Casander Do	12	F					Do		1		
		Alonzo Do	10	m					Do				
		Sarah Do	9	F					Do		1		
		Newton Do	6	m					Do		1		
		Alice Do	4	F					Do				
		Addison Do	2	m					Do				
		Eliza Do	3/12	F					Do				
1170	198	Nelson Jewett	40	m		Farming	14.600	1500	Ohio				
		Ruth Do	36	F					Conn				
		Julia Do	17	F					Do		1		
		Elizabeth Do	12	F					Do		1		
		Emma Do	5	F					Do				
		Fanny Do	2	F					Do				
1171	199	Abram Knapp	25	m		Farmer			Penn				
		Deletha Do	26	F					Conn				
		Missouri Do	2	F					Do				
		G. T. Storms	12	m					Do				
1172	200	Lewis Sheelhorn	39	m		Farming	15.400	2000	Conn				
		Almira Do	36	F					Do				
		Wallace Do	14	m					Do		1		
		Samuel Do	11	m					Do		1		
		Elmer Do	4	m					Do				
		Mary Snickles	12	F					Do		1		
1173	201	Richard Steward	40	m		Farming	5400	2000	Ohio				
		Malinda Do	38	F					Do				
		Devon Do	19	m					Do				
		Monroe Do	14	m					Iowa		1		
		Sarah Do	12	F					Do		1		
		G. Ann Do	11	F					Do		1		
		Lucinda Do	9	F					Do		1		
		Sarah Do	7	F					Do				
		Richard Do	1	m					Do				
1174	202	Wm Roberts	33	m		Farming		200	Conn				
		Sarah Do	31	F					Do				
		John Do	11	m					Do		1		
1175	203	J. A. Richards	28	m		Laborer		100	Ohio				
		No. white males, 19 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____					35.400	6500	No. idiotic, ____				
		No. white females, ____ No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____							No. paupers, ____				No. convicts, ____

"1860 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4215020_00407?pId=8331300 : accessed 14 Nov 2021), Indiana > Decatur > Adams > Image 27 of 31.

Figure 11.8

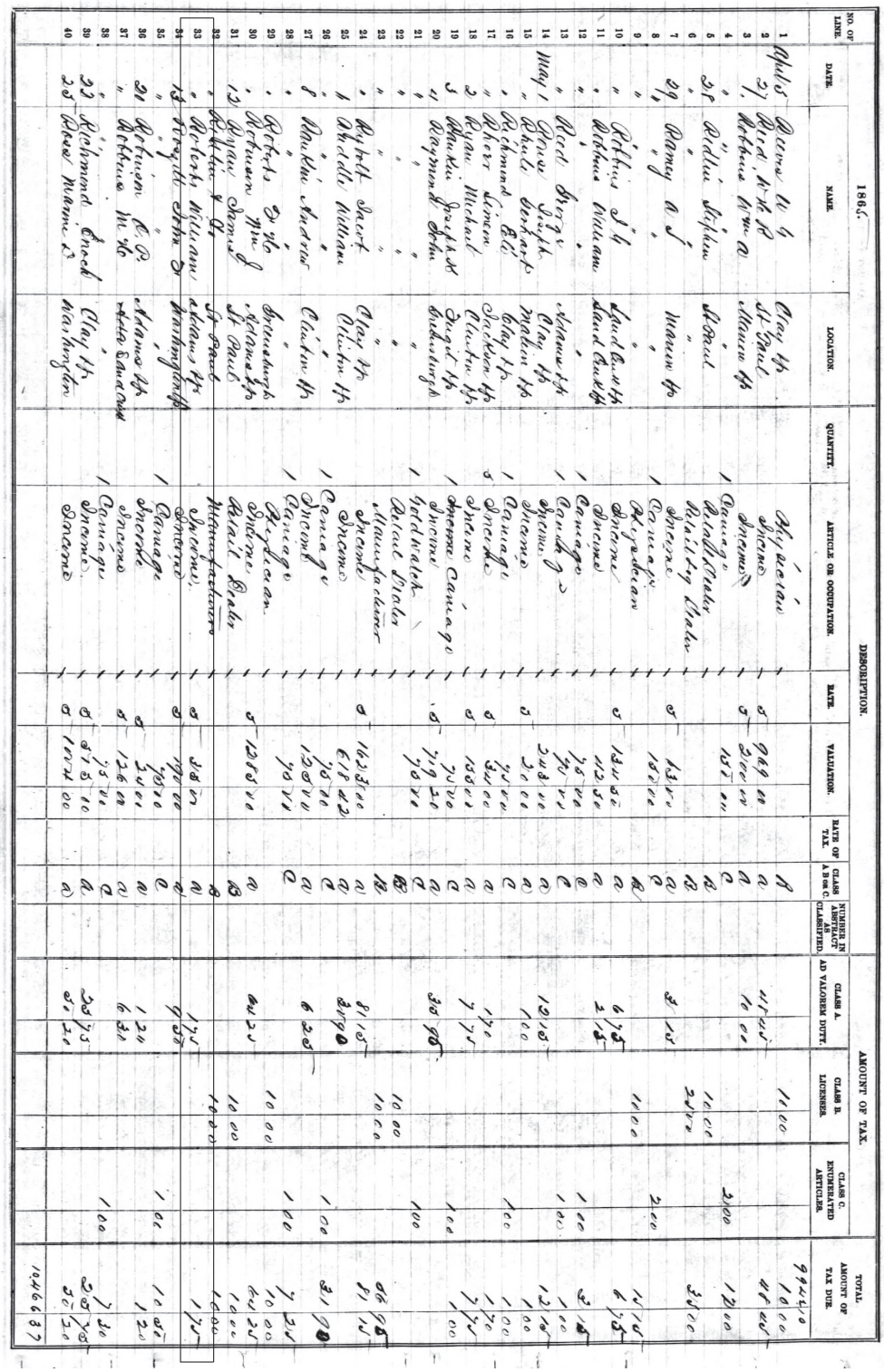
1863 Civil War Draft Registration, Decatur County, Indiana



"U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1666/images/32178_645874_0012-00370?pId=1447784 : accessed 14 Nov 2021), Indiana > 4th > Vol 3 of 3 > Image 368 of 498.

Figure 11.9

1865 Tax Assessment – Decatur County, Indiana



(No. 28.)

ALPHABETICAL LIST of Persons in Division No. 4 of Collection District No. 4 of the State of Indiana, liable to a tax under the Excise laws of the United States, and the amount thereof, as assessed by Truman B. Mitchell Assessor, and by him returned to the _____ of said District, for the month of August, 1865.

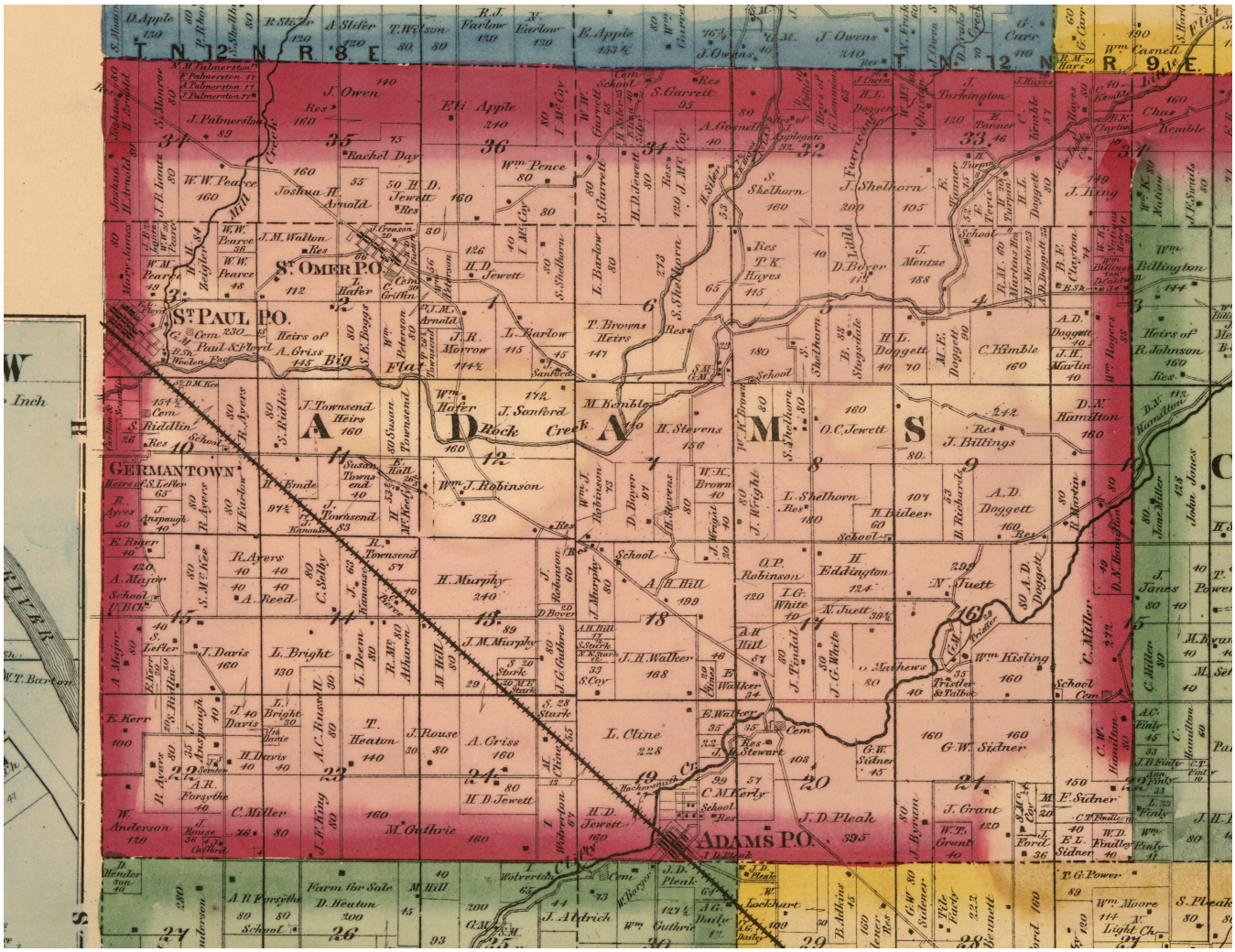
Assessors must be particular to fill all the blanks in this form, as far as practicable, and to classify and number all articles and occupations upon which taxes are assessed to correspond with the entry in the Abstract.

NO. OF LINE.	1865. DATE.	NAME.	LOCATION.	DESCRIPTION. QUANTITY.	ARTICLE OR OCCUPATION.	RATE.	VALUATION.	RATE OF TAX.	CLASS A B or C	NUMBER IN ABSTRACT CLASSIFIED.	AMOUNT OF TAX. CLASS A. AD VALOREM DUTY.	CLASS B. LICENSES.	CLASS C. ENUMERATED ARTICLES.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX DUE.
1	August	Reeve W. G.	Clay tp		Physician	1	900 00	1	A		11 25	10 00		21 25
2	21	Bird, Mrs. P.	St. Paul		Income	3	2000 00	2	A		10 00			10 00
3	"	Robbins Wm. A.	Millcreek tp	1	Carriage		150 00	2	A				2 00	2 00
4	"	Ridlin Stephen	St. Paul		Saddle Maker			2	A					
5	24	Ramey A. J.	Marion tp		Blacksmithing Shop	3	1500 00	2	A		30 00			30 00
6	"	"	"	1	Carriage			2	A				2 00	2 00
7	"	Ritter J. H.	Sand Creek		Physician	3	1500 00	2	A		30 00	10 00		40 00
8	"	Robbins William	Sand Creek		Income			2	A					
9	"	Reed Hezekiah	Millcreek tp	1	Carriage		150 00	2	A		3 00		1 00	4 00
10	May 1	Drew Joseph	Clay tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
11	"	Reed Benjamin	Washington tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
12	"	Richmond E. C.	Clay tp	1	Carriage		200 00	2	A		4 00			4 00
13	"	Perry Simeon	Jackson tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
14	"	Ryan Michael	Clarke tp	1	Carriage		150 00	2	A		3 00		1 00	4 00
15	"	Hamilton Joseph W.	Sugar Ck tp		Income	3	2000 00	2	A		40 00			40 00
16	"	Raymond John	Greensburg	1	Carriage		200 00	2	A		4 00		1 00	5 00
17	"	"	"		Gold Watch		100 00	2	A		2 00			2 00
18	"	"	"		Retail Store			2	A					
19	"	Wyatt Garret	Clay tp		Income	3	1623 00	2	A		32 46			32 46
20	"	Wardle William	Clarke tp		Income		6142 00	2	A		122 84			122 84
21	"	Rankin Andrew	"		Income		1500 00	2	A		30 00			30 00
22	"	"	"	1	Carriage		150 00	2	A		3 00		1 00	4 00
23	"	Roberts D. & Co	Greensburgh		Income	3	12845 00	2	A		256 90			256 90
24	"	Peterson Mrs.	Greensburgh		Income			2	A					
25	"	Ryan Samuel	St. Paul		Retail Trade			2	A					
26	"	Reeves & Co	St. Paul		Manufacturers			2	A					
27	"	Reeves William	Adams tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
28	"	Reeves Wm. Sr	Washington tp		Income	3	1500 00	2	A		30 00			30 00
29	"	Reeves Wm. Jr	Adams tp	1	Carriage			2	A					
30	"	Robbins Wm. M.	Adams tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
31	"	Robbins Wm. M.	Adams tp	1	Carriage		150 00	2	A		3 00		1 00	4 00
32	"	Richmond Enoch	Clay tp		Income	3	1200 00	2	A		24 00			24 00
33	25	Reeves Wm. Jr	Washington tp		Income	3	1500 00	2	A		30 00			30 00
34	"	Reeves William	Adams tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
35	"	Reeves Wm. Sr	Washington tp		Income	3	1500 00	2	A		30 00			30 00
36	"	Robinson C. P.	Adams tp	1	Carriage			2	A					
37	"	Robbins Wm. M.	Adams tp		Income	3	3000 00	2	A		60 00			60 00
38	"	"	"	1	Carriage		150 00	2	A		3 00		1 00	4 00
39	27	Richmond Enoch	Clay tp		Income	3	1200 00	2	A		24 00			24 00
40	28	Reed Hannah	Washington		Income	3	1000 00	2	A		20 00			20 00
														10466 87

"U.S., IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1264/images/rhusa1862_101770-00160?pId=5252052 : accessed 14 Nov 2021), Indiana > District 4; Monthly Lists; 1865 > Image 145 of 340.

Figure 11.10

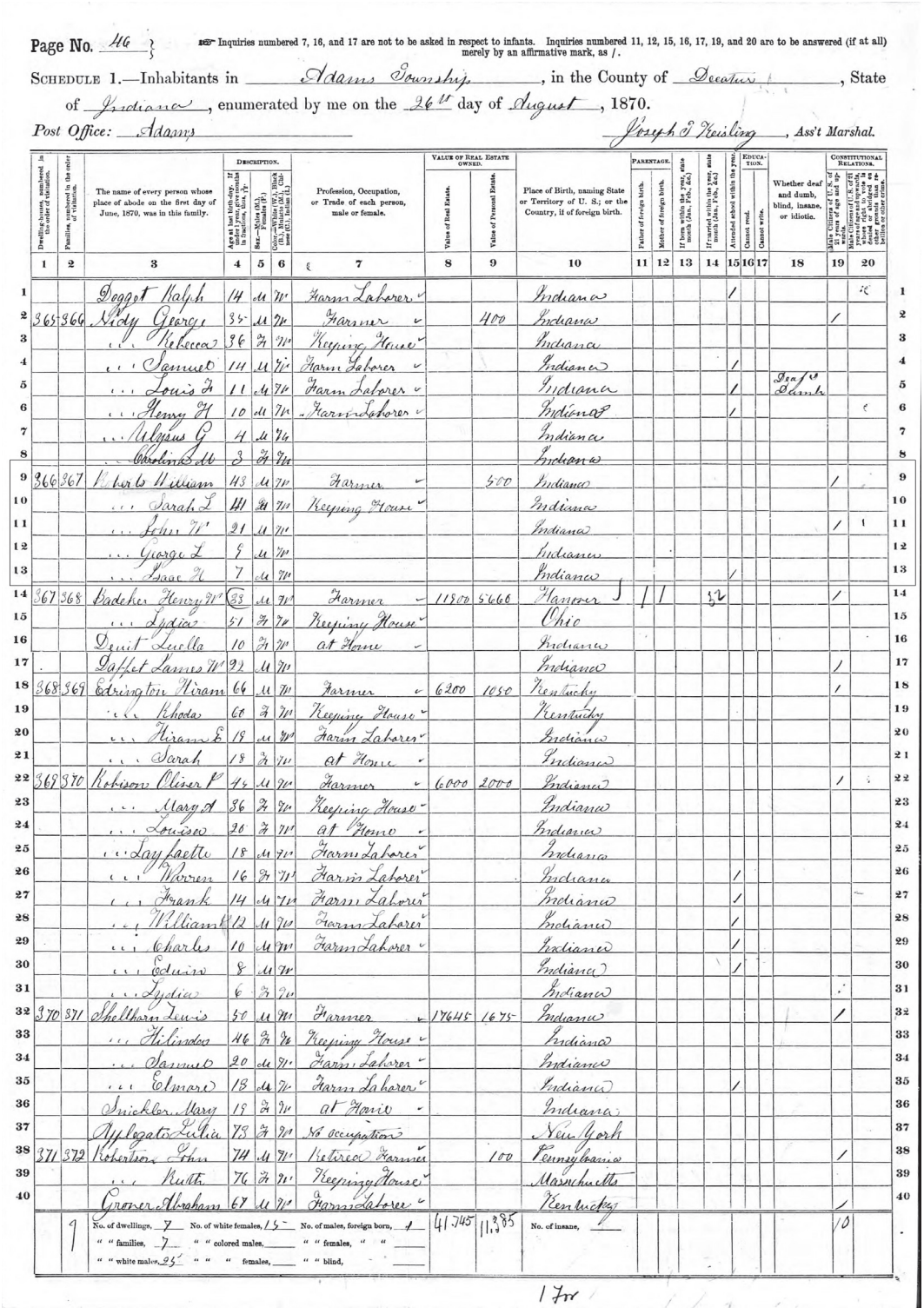
1867 Plat Map – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana



Warner, A., *Map of Rush & Decatur counties, Indiana.* C.O. Titus, Publisher. Philadelphia, 1867. Retrieved from the Library of Congress (https://www.loc.gov/item/2013593162/ : accessed 14 Nov 2021).

Figure 11.11

1870 United States Federal Census – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana



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☞ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Adams Township, in the County of Decatur, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 26th day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Adams — Joseph J. Reisling, Ass't Marshal.

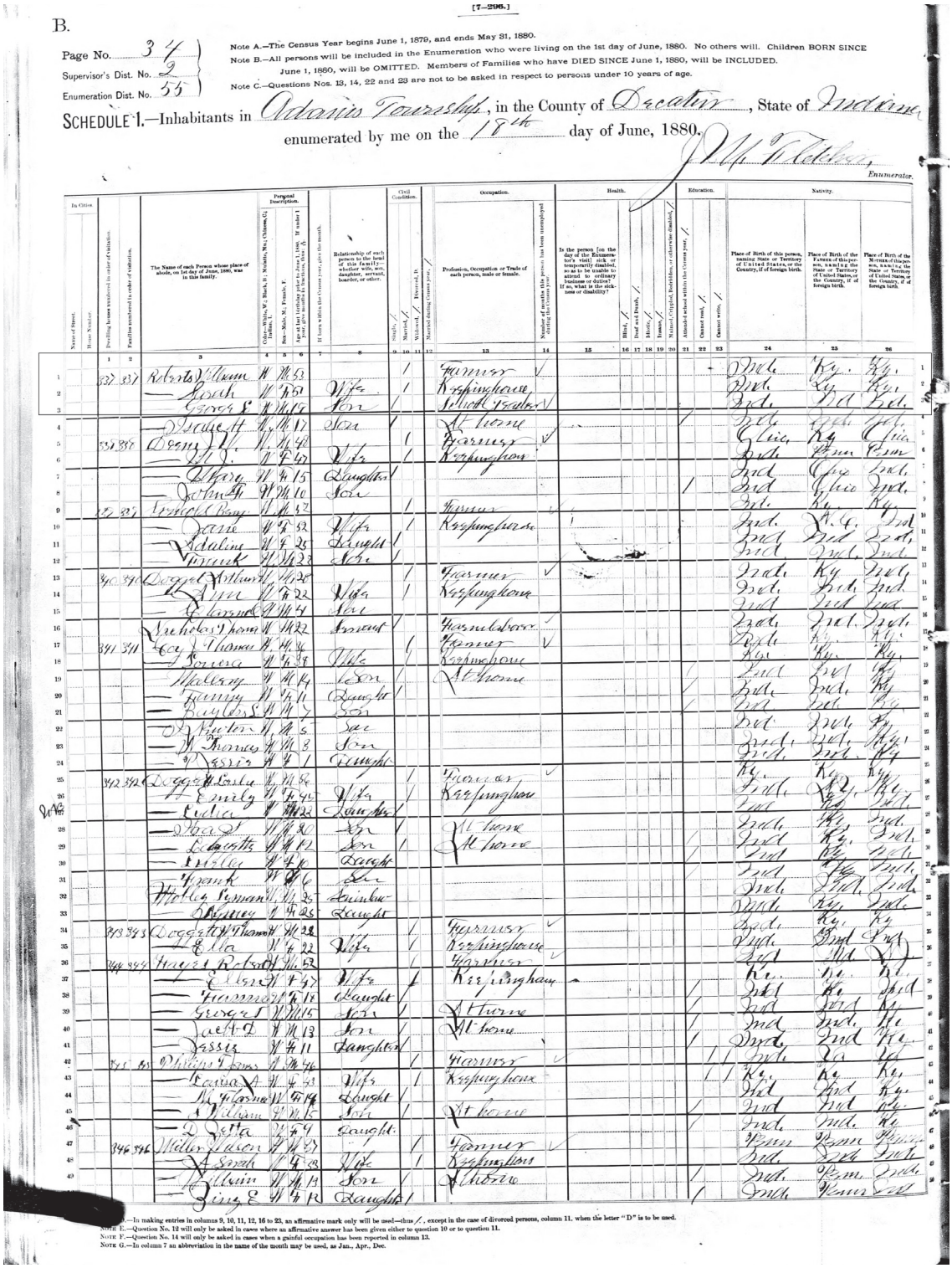
Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, state months. If born in fractions, date, Ja.	Sex — Males (M.); Females (F.)	Color — White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than participation in rebellion or other crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Doggot Ralph	14	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
365	366	Nidy George	35	M	W	Farmer		400	Indiana									/	
		" Rebecca	36	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
		" James	14	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		" Louis F	11	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/			Idiot		
		" Henry H	10	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		" Ulysus G	4	M	W				Indiana										
		" Caroline M	3	F	W				Indiana										
366	367	Norris William	43	M	W	Farmer		500	Indiana									/	
		" Sarah L	41	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
		" John H	21	M	W				Indiana									/	
		" George L	9	M	W				Indiana										
		" Isaac N	7	M	W				Indiana					/					
367	368	Badcker Henry W	33	M	W	Farmer	1100	600	Hanover	/	/		52					/	
		" Lydia	51	F	W	Keeping House			Ohio										
		Dent Luella	10	F	W	at Home			Indiana										
		Daffet James W	92	M	W				Indiana									/	
368	369	Errington Hiram	64	M	W	Farmer	6200	1050	Kentucky									/	
		" Rhoda	60	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky										
		" Hiram E	19	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana										
		" Sarah	18	F	W	at Home			Indiana										
369	370	Robison Oliver P	44	M	W	Farmer	6000	2000	Indiana									/	
		" Mary A	36	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
		" Louisa	20	F	W	at Home			Indiana										
		" Lafayette	18	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana										
		" Warren	16	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		" Frank	14	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		" William	12	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		" Charles	10	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		" Edwin	8	M	W				Indiana					/					
		" Lydia	6	F	W				Indiana										
370	371	Shellhorn Lewis	50	M	W	Farmer	17645	1675	Indiana									/	
		" Hilinda	46	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
		" James	20	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana										
		" Elmore	18	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana					/					
		Snickler Mary	19	F	W	at Home			Indiana										
		Aylegate Julia	78	F	W	No occupation			New York										
371	372	Robertson John	74	M	W	Retired Farmer		100	Pennsylvania									/	
		" Ruth	76	F	W	Keeping House			Massachusetts										
		Grover Abraham	67	M	W	Farm Laborer			Kentucky									/	
	9	No. of dwellings, 7 — No. of white females, 15 — No. of males, foreign born, 1					41745	11385	No. of insane,									10	
		" " families, 7 — " " colored males, — — " " females, " " —																	
		" " white males, 25 — " " " females, — — " " blind, —																	

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"1870 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4263364_00050?pId=21504277 : accessed 14 Nov 2021), Indiana > Decatur > Adams > Image 46 of 55.

Figure 11.12

1880 United States Federal Census – Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana



B.

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 55

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Adams Township, in the County of Decatur, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 18th day of June, 1880.

J. M. Tibbs
Enumerator.

In Cities: Name of Street.	In Cities: House Number.	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description: Color, White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, Ch.	Personal Description: Sex.—Male, M.; Female, F.	Personal Description: Age last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus: 6/12.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, child, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Civil Condition: Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1		332	337	Roberts William	W	M	53				W			Farmer										Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
2				— Sarah	W	F	51	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
3				— George E	W	M	15	Son			S			At School										Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
4				Doggett Henry	W	M	17	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
5		333	338	Doan Thomas L.	W	M	48				W			Farmer										Ohio	Ky.	Ohio
6				— Ellen J.	W	F	47	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Penn.	Conn.
7				— Mary	W	F	15	Daughter			S												/	Ind.	Ohio	Ind.
8				— John H.	W	M	10	Son			S												/	Ind.	Ohio	Ind.
9		334	339	Trimble Henry	W	M	52				W			Farmer										Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
10				— Jane	W	F	52	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
11				— Adaline	W	F	25	Daught			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
12				— Frank	W	M	23	Son			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
13		340	345	Doggett William	W	M	30				W			Farmer										Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
14				— Ann	W	F	22	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
15				— Clarence	W	M	4	Son			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
16				Nicholas Thomas	W	M	32	Servant			S			Farm laborer										Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
17		341	344	Coy Thomas	W	M	44				W			Farmer										Ky.	Ky.	Ky.
18				— Sarah	W	F	38	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ky.	Ky.	Ky.
19				— Mallery	W	M	14	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
20				— Fanny	W	F	11	Daught			S												/	Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
21				— Burgess	W	M	7	Son			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
22				— Walter	W	M	5	Son			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
23				— Thomas	W	M	3	Son			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
24				— Jessie	W	F	1	Daught			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
25		342	346	Doggett Linda	W	M	84				W			Farmer										Ky.	Ky.	Ky.
26				— Emily	W	F	40	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
27				— Lulia	W	F	22	Daughter			S													Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
28				— Oscar	W	M	20	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
29				— Edgarette	W	F	12	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
30				— Emilia	W	F	9	Daught			S												/	Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
31				— Frank	W	M	6	Son			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
32				Hobley Seman	W	M	25	Laborer			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
33				— Nancy	W	F	26	Daught			S													Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
34		343	347	Doggett Thomas	W	M	28				W			Farmer										Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
35				— Ella	W	F	22	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
36		344	348	Hayes Robert	W	M	53				W			Farmer										Ky.	Va.	Va.
37				— Eliza	W	F	47	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ky.	Va.	Va.
38				— Harriet	W	F	18	Daught			S												/	Ind.	Ky.	Ind.
39				— George	W	M	15	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Ky.	Ky.
40				— Lucas D.	W	M	13	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
41				— Jessie	W	F	11	Daughter			S												/	Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
42		345	349	Whitney Thomas	W	M	46				W			Farmer										Ind.	Va.	Va.
43				— Louisa A.	W	F	43	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ky.	Ky.	Ky.
44				— Mary Jane	W	F	14	Daught			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
45				— William	W	M	12	Son			S			At home										Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
46				— Retta	W	F	9	Daught			S													Ind.	Ind.	Ky.
47		346	350	Miller Aaron	W	M	27				W			Farmer										Penn.	Penn.	Penn.
48				— Sarah	W	F	28	Wife			W			Keeping house										Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
49				— Wilson	W	M	13	Son			S			At home									/	Ind.	Penn.	Ind.
				— Lizzie E.	W	F	12	Daughter			S												/	Ind.	Penn.	Ind.

Note E.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note F.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Figure 11.13

William Roberts[11] Death Notice & Obituary

William Roberts, a resident of Adams township since 1850, and a highly respected citizen, died on last Saturday afternoon after an illness of but thirty-four hours, of urinic poisoning, aged 64 years. His wife and three sons survive him, of his immediate family, one of whom is George Roberts, Principal of our city High School.

OBITUARY.

William Roberts was born Feb. 1, 1827, in Ripley county, Ind.; died, Sept. 5, 1891, aged 64 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was married to Mary Christie, March 16, 1848. Four children were born of this union, three sons and one daughter. The wife and three sons remain to mourn the loss to them of a husband and a father, but in the blessed hope that they shall meet again, while the daughter was called away in infancy. He confessed his faith in Christ, and obeyed the Gospel in 1851, and his friends say his Christian life was in harmony with his profession. A large number of friends attended the remains to the Christian church at Adams, where we addressed them from the text, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." As he was good and pure, this text is full of comfort to the bereaved family. The remains were then laid away in the South cemetery.

C. A. RILEY,
Sept. 8, '91. Irvington, Ind.

Left: *Greensburg (IN) New Era*, 9 Sep 1891, pg. 8 (newspaperarchive.com).
Right: *Greensburg (IN) Saturday Review*, 12 Sep 1891, pg. 2 (newspaperarchive.com).

Figure 11.14

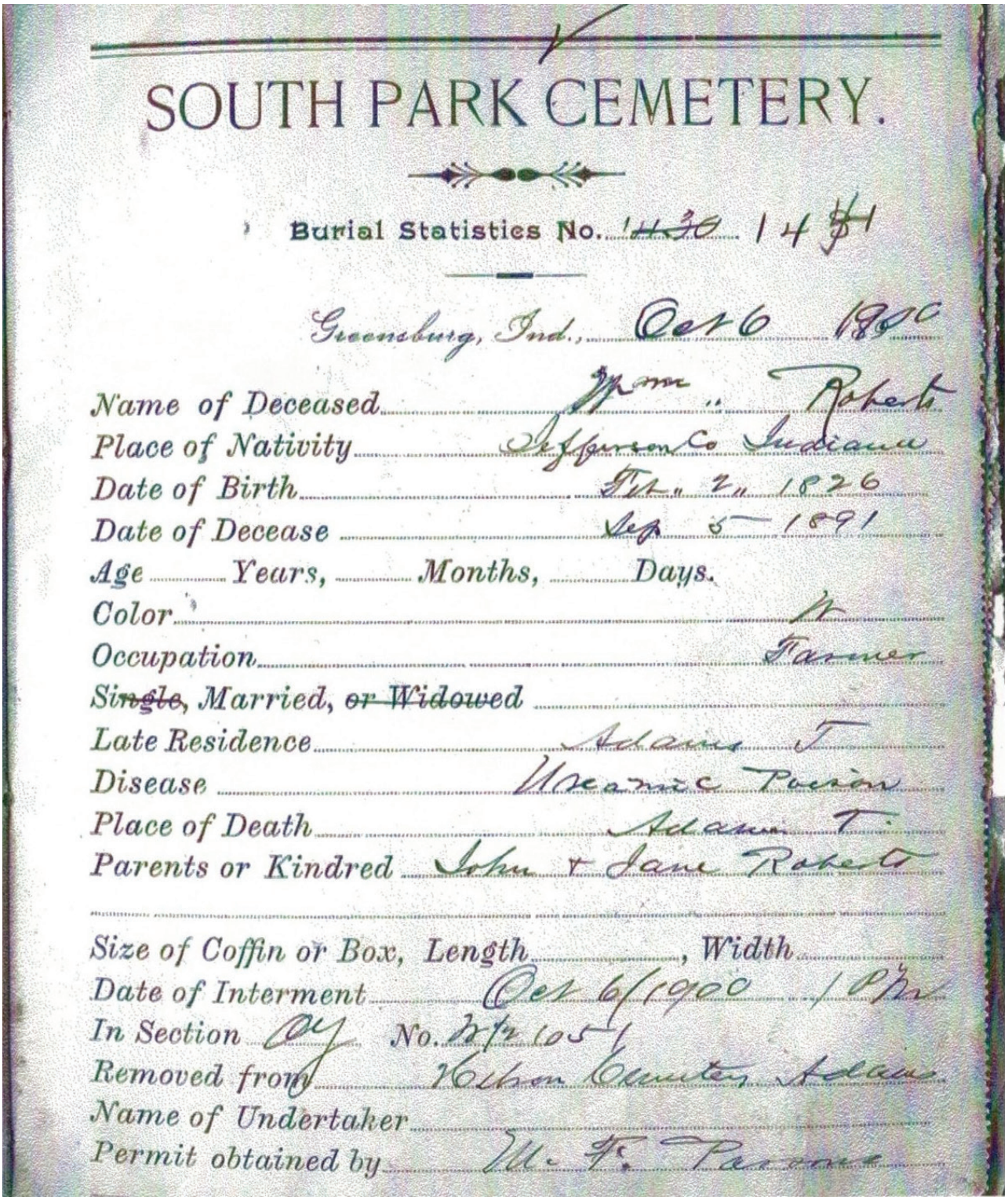
William Roberts[11] Remains Moved to South Park Cemetery

The remains of William Roberts were taken up from the Hebron cemetery and taken to South Park cemetery at Greensburg.

Greensburg (IN) Standard, 12 Oct 1900, pg. 6 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 11.15

William Roberts[11] Burial Record – South Park Cemetery



SOUTH PARK CEMETERY.

Burial Statistics No. 1430 1451

Greensburg, Ind., Oct 6 1900

Name of Deceased Wm. Roberts

Place of Nativity Jefferson Co Indiana

Date of Birth Feb 2 1826

Date of Decease Sept 5 1901

Age ____ Years, ____ Months, ____ Days.

Color W

Occupation Farmer

~~Single~~, Married, ~~or Widowed~~

Late Residence Adams T

Disease Uraemic Poison

Place of Death Adams T.

Parents or Kindred John & Jane Roberts

Size of Coffin or Box, Length ____, Width ____

Date of Interment Oct 6/1900 10 Hr

In Section 24 No. Hr 105

Removed from Helton Cemetery Adams

Name of Undertaker ____

Permit obtained by W. F. Parsons

Received 2 Jul 2021 from South Park Cemetery Association, 405 South East Street, Greensburg, Indiana.

Figure 11.16

Roberts Family Burial Plot – South Park Cemetery



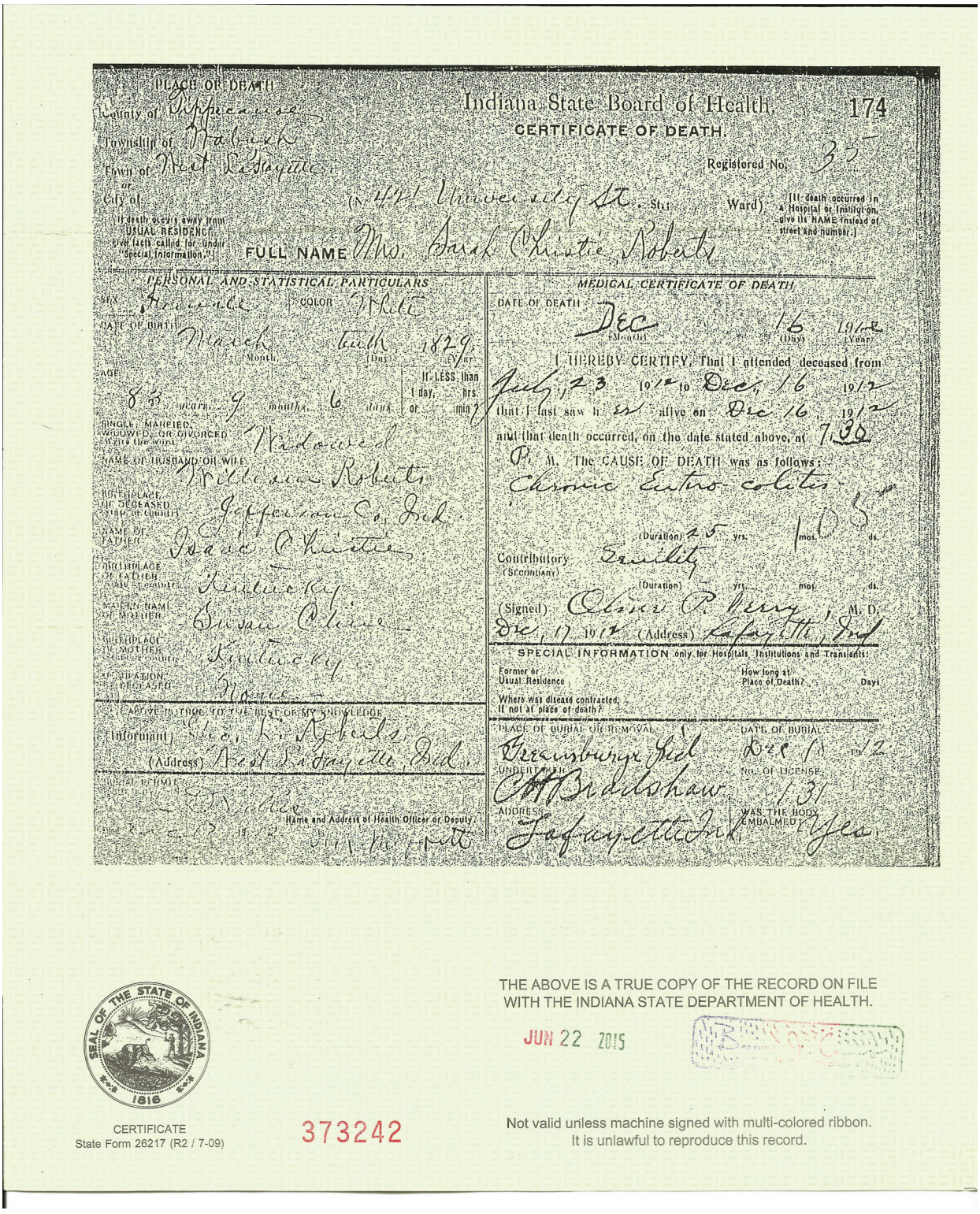
Find a Grave, database and images (www.findagrave.com/memorial/48306244/william-roberts : accessed 08 July 2021), memorial page for William Roberts (1 Feb 1827–5 Sep 1891), Find a Grave Memorial ID 48306244, citing South Park Cemetery, Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana, USA ; Maintained by JRoberts (contributor 48769167). Images added 31 May 2011 by Russell Wilhoit (contributor 47289224). GPS of Family Stone: 39.331140, -85.483089. Location in Cemetery: Block OG, Lot 1050.



Believed to belong to William Roberts and Sarah Christie Roberts. Images taken and kindly provided on 6 Jul 2021 by Cassie Pahl, Office Manager, South Park Cemetery, Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana.

Figure 11.17

Sarah (Christie) Roberts Death Certificate



PLACE OF DEATH
County of Tippecanoe
Township of Wabash
Town of West Lafayette
or
City of
(If death occurred away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information.")

Indiana State Board of Health 174
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.
Registered No. 37

(No. 441 Univ. city St. Ward) (If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

FULL NAME Mrs. Sarah Christie Roberts

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
SEX Female COLOR White
DATE OF BIRTH March 6th 1829
AGE 83 years 9 months 6 days If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (If wife, write the word) Widowed
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE William Roberts
BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED (STATE OR COUNTRY) Jefferson Co. Ind.
NAME OF FATHER David Christie
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (STATE OR COUNTRY) Kentucky
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Susan Oliver
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (STATE OR COUNTRY) Kentucky
OCCUPATION OF DECEASED None
ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Informant C. C. Roberts
(Address) West Lafayette Ind.
Filed ... 19...
Name and Address of Health Officer or Deputy

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
DATE OF DEATH Dec (Month) 16 (Day) 1912 (Year)
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 23 1912 to Dec. 16 1912
that I last saw h alive on Dec 16 1912
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7.30 P. M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Chronic Entero-colitis
(Duration) 25 yrs. 10 mos. 8 ds.
Contributory (Secondary) Senility (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) Oliver P. Perry M. D.
Dec 17 1912 (Address) Lafayette, Ind
SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions and Transients:
Former or Usual Residence
How long at Place of Death? Days
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Greensburg Ind
DATE OF BURIAL Dec 18 1912
UNDERTAKER J. H. Bradshaw
No. OF LICENSE 131
ADDRESS Lafayette Ind
WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? Yes

SEAL OF THE STATE OF INDIANA 1816

CERTIFICATE
State Form 26217 (R2 / 7-09)

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THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RECORD ON FILE WITH THE INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
JUN 22 2015

Not valid unless machine signed with multi-colored ribbon.
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From the personal records of Jon A. Roberts.

Figure 11.18

Sarah (Christie) Roberts Obituary



OBITUARY.

Sarah Christie Roberts was born March 10, 1829, near Bryantsburg, Jefferson county, Ind. She was the daughter of Isaac and Susanna Christie, and is the last of her father's family. In an early day her father was a well known itinerant Baptist preacher, whose work was particularly well known in Ripley, Jefferson and Decatur counties. At one time he owned and lived on the farm known as the Webb farm, north of Adams on the Michigan road.

March 16, 1848, she was married to William Roberts, who died September 5, 1891. She was the mother of three sons and one daughter, the latter dying in infancy. The oldest son, John W., died September 10, 1900. The other two sons, George L., of Lafayette, Ind., and Isaac H., of Pomona, Kan., survive, as does the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sarah J. Roberts, and the grand-children, Leon and Gleona Roberts and Mrs. Candace Shepherd, of Greensburg. She made her home with the latter for three years.

In 1853 she and her husband removed to Decatur county, settling on the Jacob Sidener farm, northwest of Greensburg. For fifty years she was a resident of the county. During the first years of her widowhood, she lived with Isaac H. on a farm northwest of Greensburg. After he moved to Kansas, she went to live with George, in Greensburg, leaving the county only when he went to other fields of work. She died at his home in Lafayette, Monday, December 16, 1912.

For twenty six years she was a resident of the neighborhood northeast of Adams, known as the Robertson-Shelhorn Badeker neighborhood. Here she formed many warm friendships, and her last days were largely taken up in talking of those earlier friends.

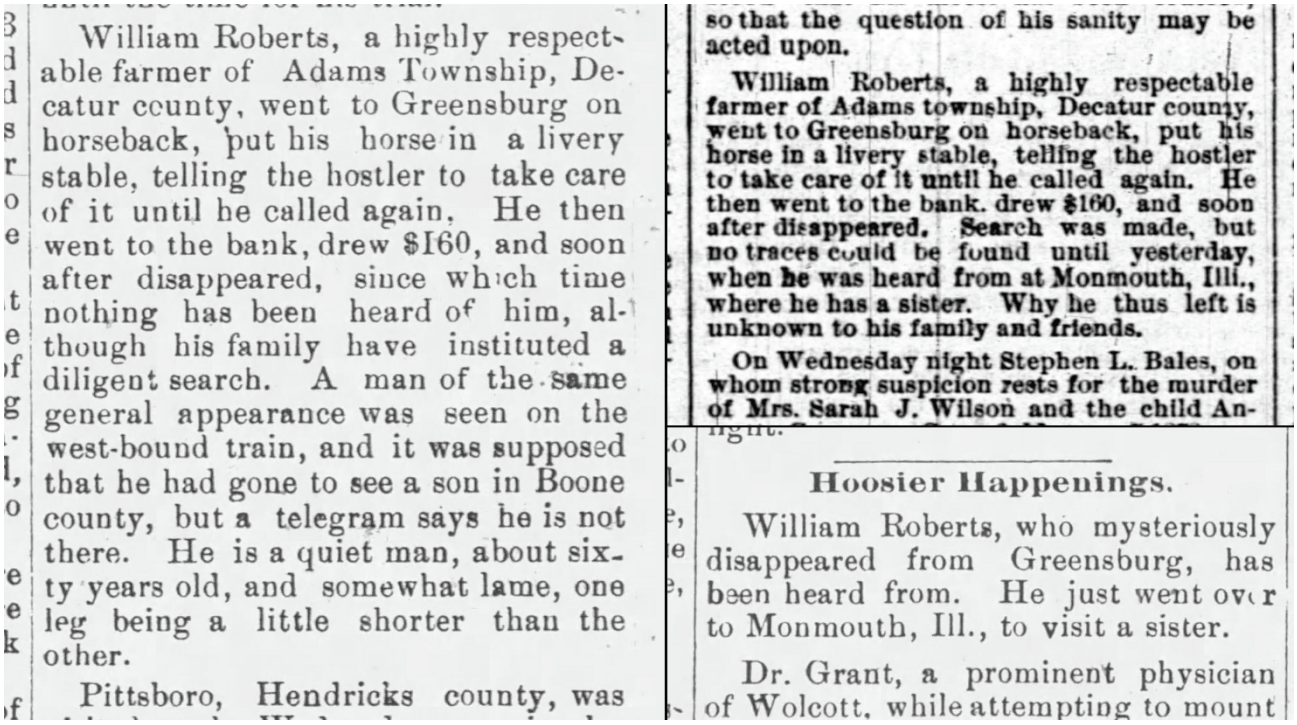
For many years she had been in ill health, but her last illness began July 23, 1912, and was serious from the beginning, being a complication of diseases incident to her age.

During her youth and early married life she was a member of the Baptist church. Later she and her husband were among the number that organized the Christian church at Adams. She remained true to her belief in the teachings of this faith, and wherever she lived during her later life was identified with and an attendant upon the church of her earlier choice, so far as her strength would permit.

Greensburg (IN) Standard, 27 Dec 1912, pg. 1 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 11.19

William Roberts[11] Trip to Monmouth, Illinois



William Roberts, a highly respectable farmer of Adams Township, Decatur county, went to Greensburg on horseback, put his horse in a livery stable, telling the hostler to take care of it until he called again. He then went to the bank, drew $160, and soon after disappeared, since which time nothing has been heard of him, although his family have instituted a diligent search. A man of the same general appearance was seen on the west-bound train, and it was supposed that he had gone to see a son in Boone county, but a telegram says he is not there. He is a quiet man, about sixty years old, and somewhat lame, one leg being a little shorter than the other.

Pittsboro, Hendricks county, was

so that the question of his sanity may be acted upon.

William Roberts, a highly respectable farmer of Adams township, Decatur county, went to Greensburg on horseback, put his horse in a livery stable, telling the hostler to take care of it until he called again. He then went to the bank. drew $160, and soon after disappeared. Search was made, but no traces could be found until yesterday, when he was heard from at Monmouth, Ill., where he has a sister. Why he thus left is unknown to his family and friends.

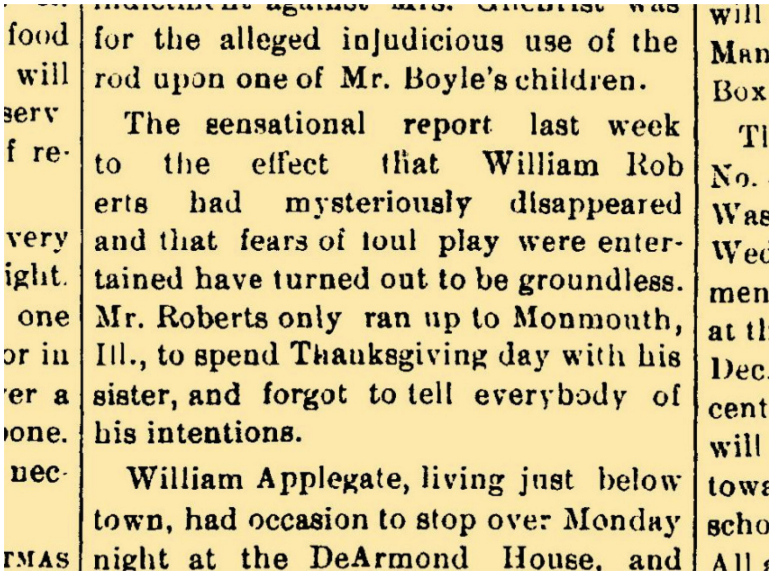
On Wednesday night Stephen L. Bales, on whom strong suspicion rests for the murder of Mrs. Sarah J. Wilson and the child An-

Hoosier Happenings.

William Roberts, who mysteriously disappeared from Greensburg, has been heard from. He just went over to Monmouth, Ill., to visit a sister.

Dr. Grant, a prominent physician of Wolcott, while attempting to mount

Left: *Seymour (IN) Daily Democrat*, 30 Nov 1883, pg. 1 (newspapers.com)
Top right: *The Indianapolis (IN) News*, 30 Nov 1883, pg. 2 (newspapers.com)
Bottom right: *Seymour (IN) Daily Democrat*, 1 Dec 1883, pg. 2 (newspapers.com)



for the alleged injudicious use of the rod upon one of Mr. Boyle's children.

The sensational report last week to the effect that William Roberts had mysteriously disappeared and that fears of foul play were entertained have turned out to be groundless. Mr. Roberts only ran up to Monmouth, Ill., to spend Thanksgiving day with his sister, and forgot to tell everybody of his intentions.

William Applegate, living just below town, had occasion to stop over Monday night at the DeArmond House, and

Greensburg (IN) Standard, 7 Dec 1883, pg. 5 (newspaperarchive.com)

12. CHARLES (b. 30 Sep 1828, d. 18 May 1906)

Birth: 30 Sep 1828 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: 2 Oct 1851 to Ammarilla Reynolds, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 13 Nov 1828 in Indiana; d. Oct 1879 in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana).

- Elsina Jane Roberts
  - b. 22 Jul 1852 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - m. 21 Nov 1869 to Benjamin Franklin Brown in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 5 May 1844 in Indiana; d. 24 Feb 1916 in Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma).
  - d. 5 Jul 1932 in Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska.
- Susan M. Roberts
  - b. 5 Aug 1855 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - d. 10 Nov 1878, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana.
- John B. Roberts
  - b. 20 Sep 1858 in Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - d. Jun 1879, in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

Death: 18 May 1906 in Osceola, Polk County, Nebraska.

Charles was the second child of John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts, born 30 Sep 1828 in Switzerland County, Indiana. While I have not found an 1830 census record that positively reflects the John S. Roberts family at that time, the one that most closely matches the known family members is in Switzerland County, Indiana. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear to be in that, or subsequent, census records.[1,2,3]

- Male < 5 – 1 [Charles[12]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 [William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 [either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John[4]]
- Female < 5 – 1 [Sarah[13]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 [Unknown]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that Charles' father was engaged in agriculture. As was common during this era, Charles likely spent much of his youth helping with chores around the family farm.[4]

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[1] Figure 12.1. Charles Roberts[12] Headstone.
[2] See Figure 12.14. Charles Roberts[12] Obituary.
[3] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Charles's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, Charles' parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[5,6,7]

About May 1847, Charles' Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. By this time, Charles had learned the carpentry trade, and identified this as his occupation in the 1850 Shelby Township, Jefferson County census. He married Ammarilla Reynolds on 2 Oct 1851, most likely in Jefferson County, and nine months later, they welcomed their first child, daughter Elsina Jane. Charles and Ammarilla then joined his parents as members of West Fork Baptist Church, having been received by experience on 25 and 26 May 1854. A full listing of West Fork Baptist Church meeting minutes in which Charles and Ammarilla are identified is included in Appendix 12.1.[8,9,10,11]

In 1860, the family continued to live in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana and had grown to five with the additions of daughter Susan in 1855 and John in 1858. Charles' occupation is carpenter. The value of his real estate is estimated at $300 and the value of personal property is estimated at $300. We also find that Charles' family is enumerated immediately after his father, suggesting they were neighbors. Based on the legal description of his father's property in the notice of "Administrator's Sale of Real Estate" published 19 Nov 1879, Charles owned land immediately south of his father's land, so he may have owned this land for the 1860 enumeration.[12]

As with all eligible men of the period, Charles, along with brothers Jeremiah[16], Edward[17], and Henry S.[18], is found in the Jun 1863 Civil War Draft Registration records for Jefferson County. His registration notes he is "deficient in right hand" but the exact nature of the infirmity is not known. I

[5] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[6] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[7] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.
[8] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census, Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[9] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[10] See Figure 12.14. Charles Roberts[12] Obituary.
[11] Figure 12.2. West Fork Baptist Church – Charles[12] and Ammarilla Roberts Received into Membership.
[12] Figure 12.3. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

have not found any record of actual service, likely due to his being married with three children at home or his right hand deficiency.[13]

For about the next 20 years, Charles continued to reside in Shelby Township. The 1870 census shows his occupation as farmer with his real estate and personal estate valued at $2,000 and $600, respectively.[14]

Tragedy struck the Roberts household when, in an eleven month period between Nov 1878 and Oct 1879, Charles lost his wife Ammarilla and two of his three children, Susan and John. Susan's death is recorded in the West Fork Baptist Church records as 10 Nov 1878. The 1880 Mortality Schedule for Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana, enumerates deaths that occurred between 1 Jun 1879 and 31 May 1880. This record identifies John's death as Jun 1879 due to "Hemmorhage of Lungs" arising from "Consumption" (a term for tuberculosis) and Ammarilla's death as Oct 1879 due to "Phthisis Pulmonalis" (another term for tuberculosis). The headstones for Susan, John, and Amarilla incorrectly list their dates of death as 10 Nov 1879, 26 Jun 1880, and 14 Oct 1880, respectively.[15,16,17]

The 1880 census shows Charles is still in Jefferson County, widowed, and that daughter Elsina and her family had moved into the home. His occupation is listed as "house carpenter" with son-in-law, Benjamin Brown, listed as a farmer. Charles was still relatively young in 1880 (52 years old), so he may have given up farming to pursue carpentry and Benjamin tended the farm.[18]

In Jul 1882, daughter Elsina and her family moved to Polk County, Nebraska, and Charles joined them around the middle of 1883. In June 1883, he was dismissed from West Fork Baptist Church by letter, presumably due to his upcoming move to Polk County. Interestingly, he is not found living with daughter Elsina and her family in the 1885 Polk County Census, nor is he found in any other 1885 census record in Nebraska. By 1900, however, when Charles was 71 years of age, he is living with his daughter and her family in Polk County.[19,20,21,22,23]

On 15 Oct 1893, a family reunion with most of Charles' living siblings was held at the home of his brother, Jeremiah[16], in Holton, Indiana. The attendees included Sarah[13]; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; Henry[18]; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles, however, was unable to attend.[24]

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[13] Figure 12.4. 1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Jefferson County, Indiana.
[14] Figure 12.5. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[15] Figure 12.6. 1880 Mortality Schedule – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[16] See Figure 4.10. West Fork Baptist Church – "List of members of the West Fork Church who have Died Since May 1861." Based on its location in church records, the list was likely initially produced about Mar 1864 and updated from time to time.
[17] Figure 12.7. Headstones for Ammarilla, John B. and Susan M. Roberts.
[18] Figure 12.8. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[19] Figure 12.9. Benjamin Franklin Brown Obituary.
[20] Figure 12.10. Newspaper Clipping – Charles Roberts[12] Move to Nebraska.
[21] Figure 12.11. West Fork Baptist Church – Charles Roberts[12] Dismissal.
[22] Figure 12.12. 1885 Nebraska State Census – Polk County, Nebraska.
[23] Figure 12.13, 1900 United States Federal Census – Canada Precinct, Polk County, Nebraska.
[24] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).

Charles passed away on 18 May 1906 of arteriosclerosis at the home of daughter, Elsina, and was buried at the Osceola, Nebraska Cemetery on 20 May 1906.[25,26,27]

[25] Figure 12.14. Charles Roberts[12] Obituary.
[26] See Figure 12.1. Charles Roberts[12] Headstone.
[27] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/67434717/charles-roberts : accessed 18 November 2021), memorial page for Charles Roberts (30 Sep 1828–18 May 1906), Find a Grave Memorial ID 67434717, citing Osceola Cemetery, Osceola, Polk County, Nebraska, USA; Maintained by pmm (contributor 47022120).

Figure 12.1

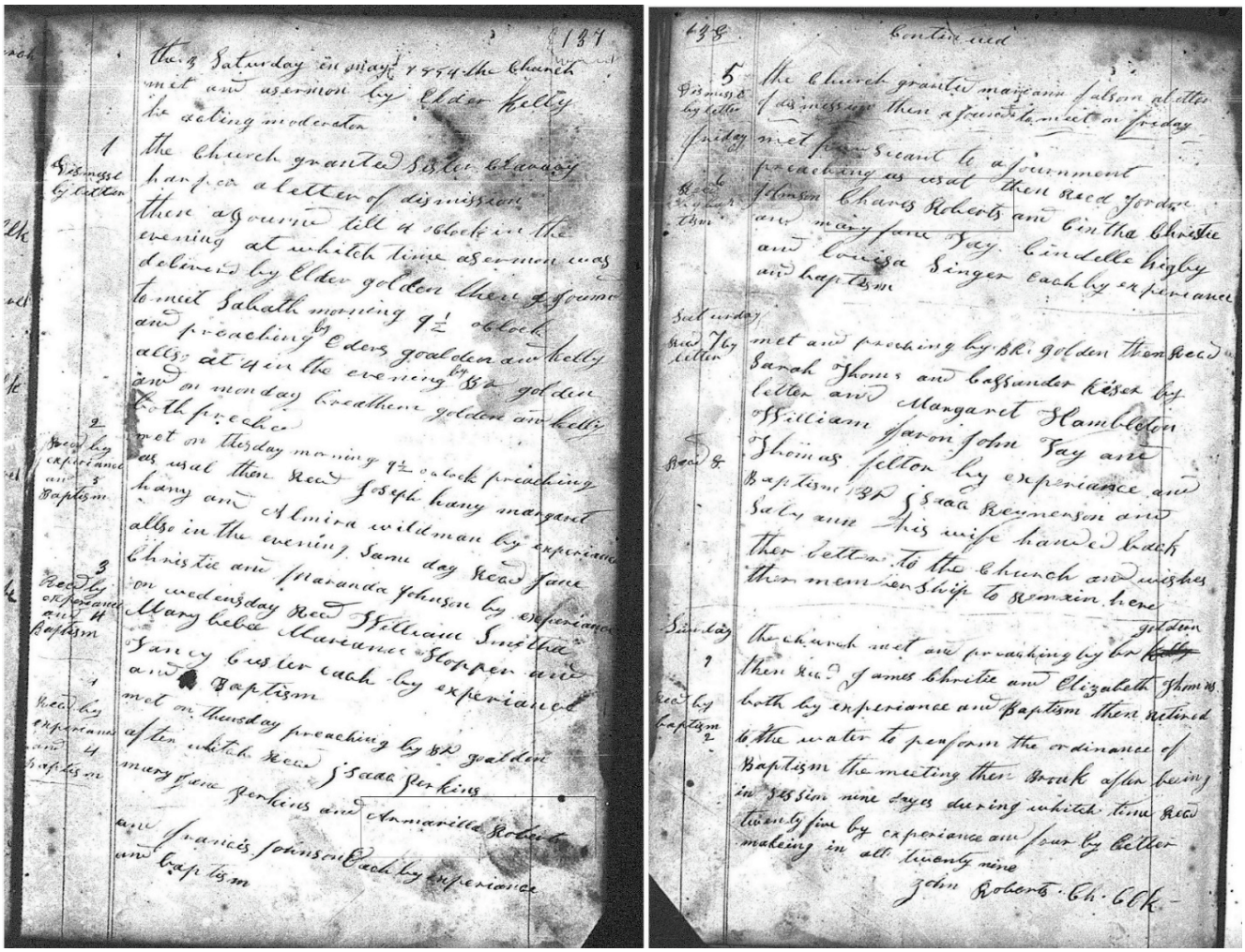
Charles Roberts[12] Headstone



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Figure 12.2

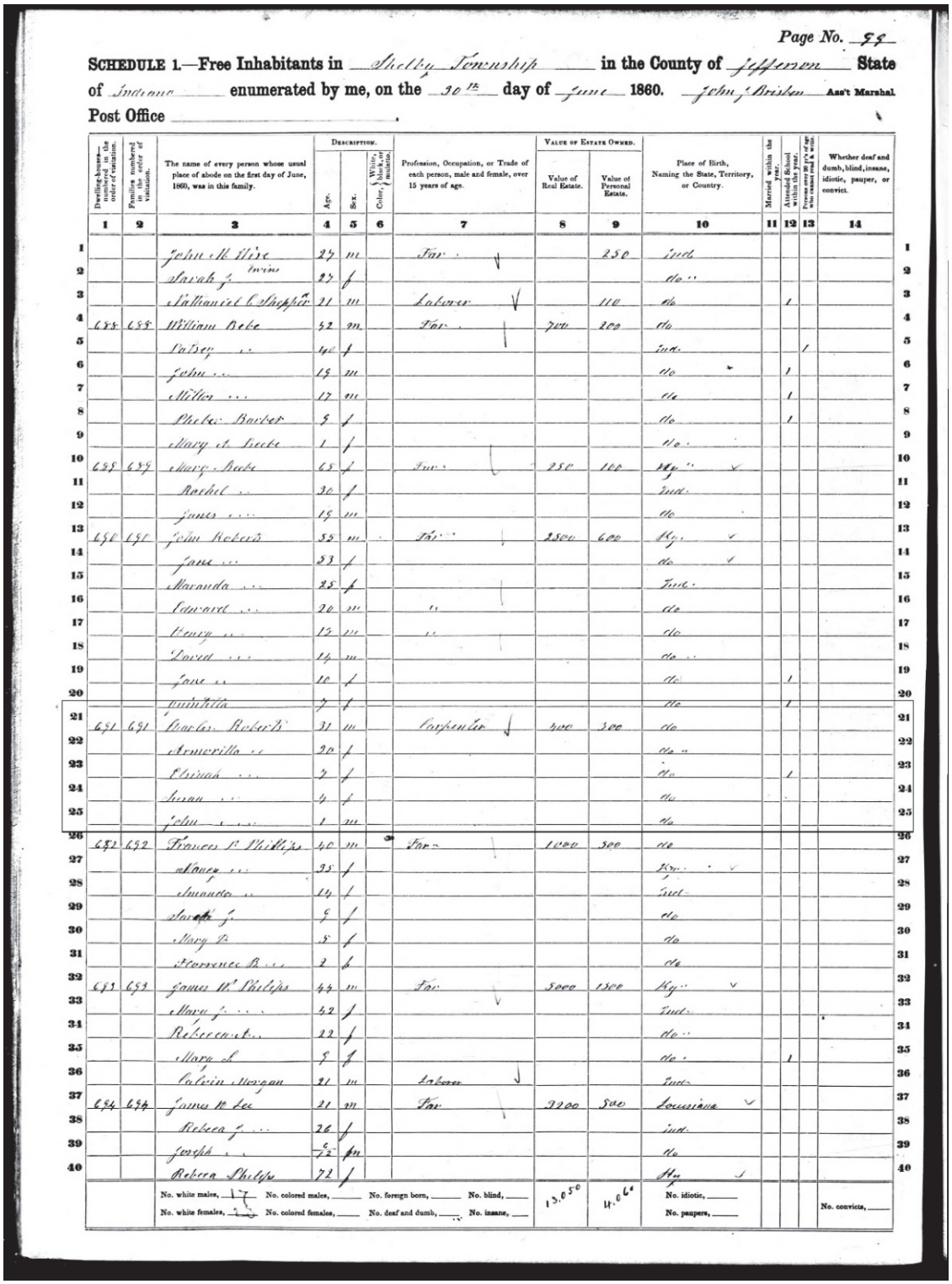
West Fork Baptist Church – Charles[12] and Ammarilla Roberts Received into Membership



"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 12.3

1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Shelby Township in the County of Jefferson State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 30th day of June 1860. John J. Brisben Ass't Marshal

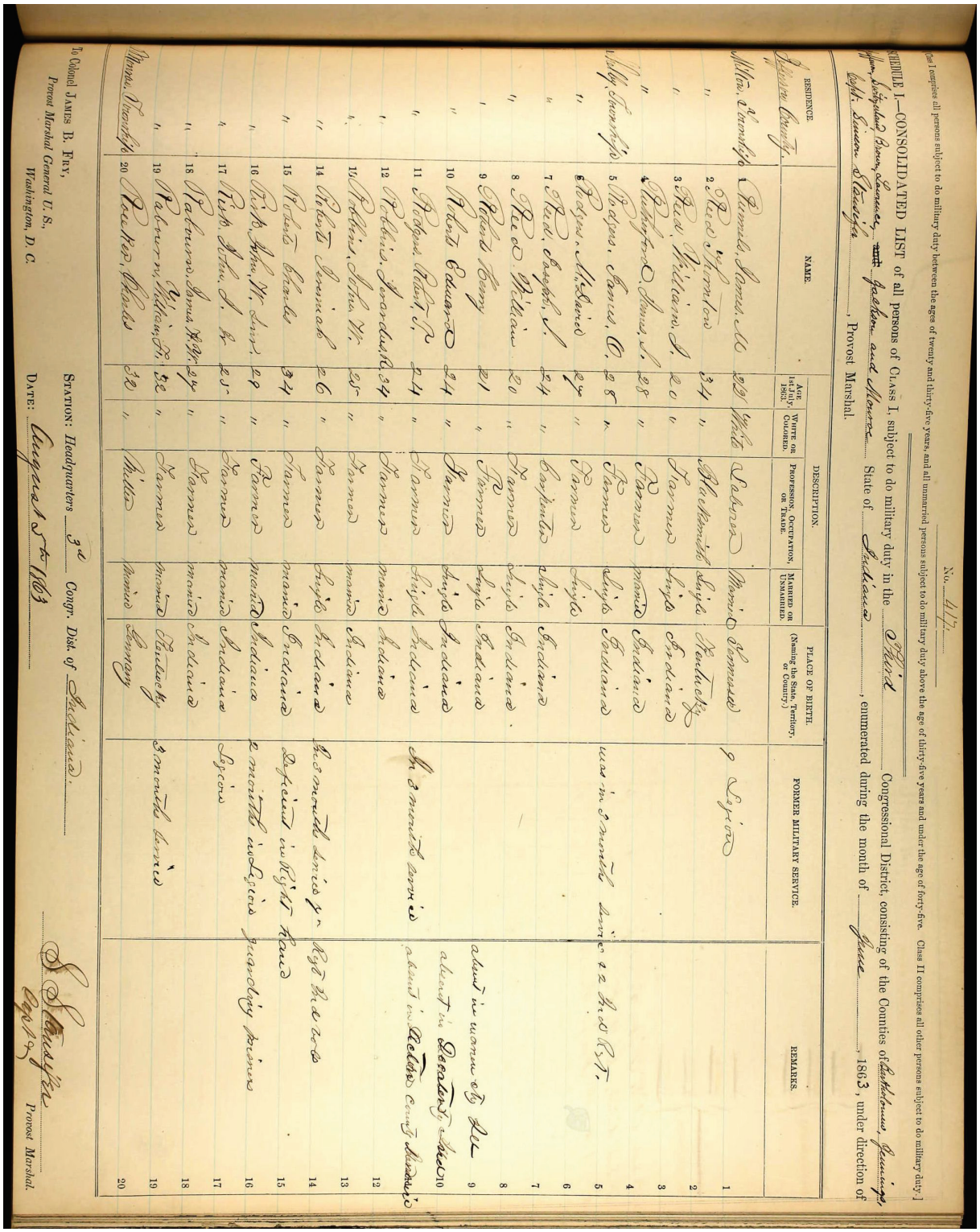
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Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, white, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Person over 20 yrs of age who cannot read and write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		John M Hare	27	m		Far.		250	Ind.				
		Sarah J. Irvin	25	f					do				
		Nathaniel C Sheppard	21	m		Laborer		110	do		1		
688	688	William Bebe	52	m		Far.	700	200	do				
		Patsey "	40	f					Ind.			1	
		John "	19	m					do		1		
		Milton "	17	m					do		1		
		Phebe Barbee	9	f					do		1		
		Mary A Beebe	1	f					do				
689	689	Mary Beebe	63	f		Far.	250	100	Ky.				
		Rachel "	30	f					Ind.				
		James "	19	m					do				
690	690	John Roberts	55	m		Far.	2500	600	Ky.				
		Jane "	53	f					do				
		Marinda "	25	f					Ind.				
		Edward "	20	m		"			do				
		Henry "	15	m		"			do				
		David "	14	m					do				
		Jane "	10	f					do		1		
		Juanitta "	7	f					do		1		
691	691	Charles Roberts	31	m		Carpenter	500	300	do				
		Armerilla "	30	f					do				
		Elvirah "	7	f					do		1		
		Susan "	4	f					do				
		John "	1	m					do				
692	692	Frances P Phillips	40	m		Far.	1000	300	do				
		Nancy "	35	f					Ky.				
		Amanda "	14	f					Ind.				
		Sarah J.	9	f					do				
		Mary D.	5	f					do				
		Florence B. "	2	f					do				
693	693	James W. Phillips	44	m		Far.	5000	1300	Ky.				
		Mary J. "	42	f					Ind.				
		Rebecca A. "	22	f					do				
		Mary A	9	f					do		1		
		Calvin Morgan	21	m		Laborer			Ind.				
694	694	James M Lee	21	m		Far.	3200	800	Louisiana				
		Rebeca J. "	26	f					Ind.				
		Joseph "	6/12	m					do				
		Rebeca Phillips	72	f					Ky.				
		No. white males, 17 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____ No. white females, 21 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____					13,050	4,064	No. idiotic, ____ No. paupers, ____				No. convicts, ____

"1860 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4215037_00100?pId=8648351 : accessed 16 Nov 2021), Indiana > Jefferson > Shelby > Image 4 of 41.

Figure 12.4

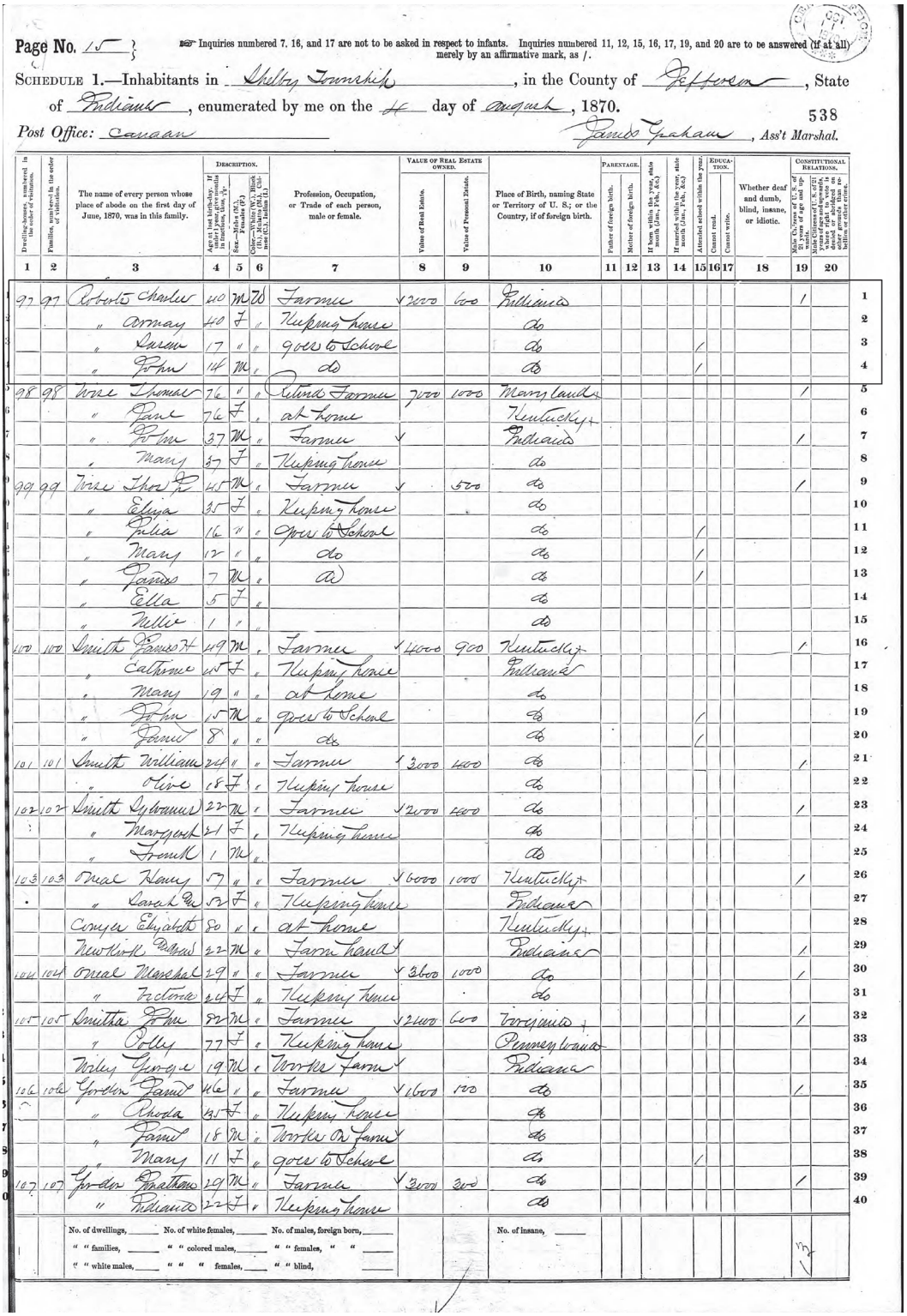
1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Jefferson County, Indiana



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Figure 12.5

1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



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☞ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 4 day of August, 1870.

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Post Office: Canaan

James Graham, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description. Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, give months in fraction, thus 1/12.	Sex. Male (M.); Female (F.)	Color. White (W.); Black (B.); Mulatto (M.); Chinese (C.); Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage. Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education. Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations. Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
97	97	Abbott Charles	40	M	W	Farmer	2200	600	Indiana									/		1
		" Armay	40	F	"	Keeping house			do											2
		" Susan	17	"	"	goes to School			do					/						3
		" John	14	M	"	do			do					/						4
98	98	Wise Thomas	76	"	"	Retired Farmer	7000	1000	Maryland									/		5
		" Jane	76	F	"	at home			Kentucky											6
		" John	37	M	"	Farmer			Indiana									/		7
		" Mary	37	F	"	Keeping house			do											8
99	99	Wise Thos R	45	M	"	Farmer		500	do									/		9
		" Elma	35	F	"	Keeping house			do											10
		" Julia	16	"	"	goes to School			do					/						11
		" Mary	12	"	"	do			do					/						12
		" James	7	M	"	do			do					/						13
		" Ella	5	F	"				do											14
		" Millie	1	"	"				do											15
100	100	Smith James H	49	M	"	Farmer	4000	900	Kentucky									/		16
		" Catharine	47	F	"	Keeping house			Indiana											17
		" Mary	19	"	"	at home			do											18
		" John	15	M	"	goes to School			do					/						19
		" Jane	8	"	"	do			do					/						20
101	101	Smith William	24	"	"	Farmer	3000	400	do									/		21
		" Alice	18	F	"	Keeping house			do											22
102	102	Smith Sylvanus	22	M	"	Farmer	2000	400	do									/		23
		" Margaret	21	F	"	Keeping house			do											24
		" Frank	1	M	"				do											25
103	103	Neal Henry	57	"	"	Farmer	6000	1000	Kentucky									/		26
		" Sarah M	52	F	"	Keeping house			Indiana											27
		Conyer Elizabeth	80	"	"	at home			Kentucky											28
		Newkirk David	22	M	"	Farm hand			Indiana									/		29
104	104	Neal Marshal	29	"	"	Farmer	3600	1000	do									/		30
		" Victoria	24	F	"	Keeping house			do											31
105	105	Smith John	82	M	"	Farmer	2400	600	Virginia									/		32
		" Polly	77	F	"	Keeping house			Pennsylvania											33
		Wiley George	19	M	"	Works Farm			Indiana											34
106	106	Gordon James	46	"	"	Farmer	1600	120	do									/		35
		" Rhoda	45	F	"	Keeping house			do											36
		" James	18	M	"	Works on Farm			do											37
		" Mary	11	F	"	goes to School			do					/						38
107	107	Gordon Jonathan	29	M	"	Farmer	2000	300	do									/		39
		" Indiana	22	F	"	Keeping house			do											40

No. of dwellings, ____ No. of white females, ____ No. of males, foreign born, ____

" " families, ____ " " colored males, ____ " " females, " " ____

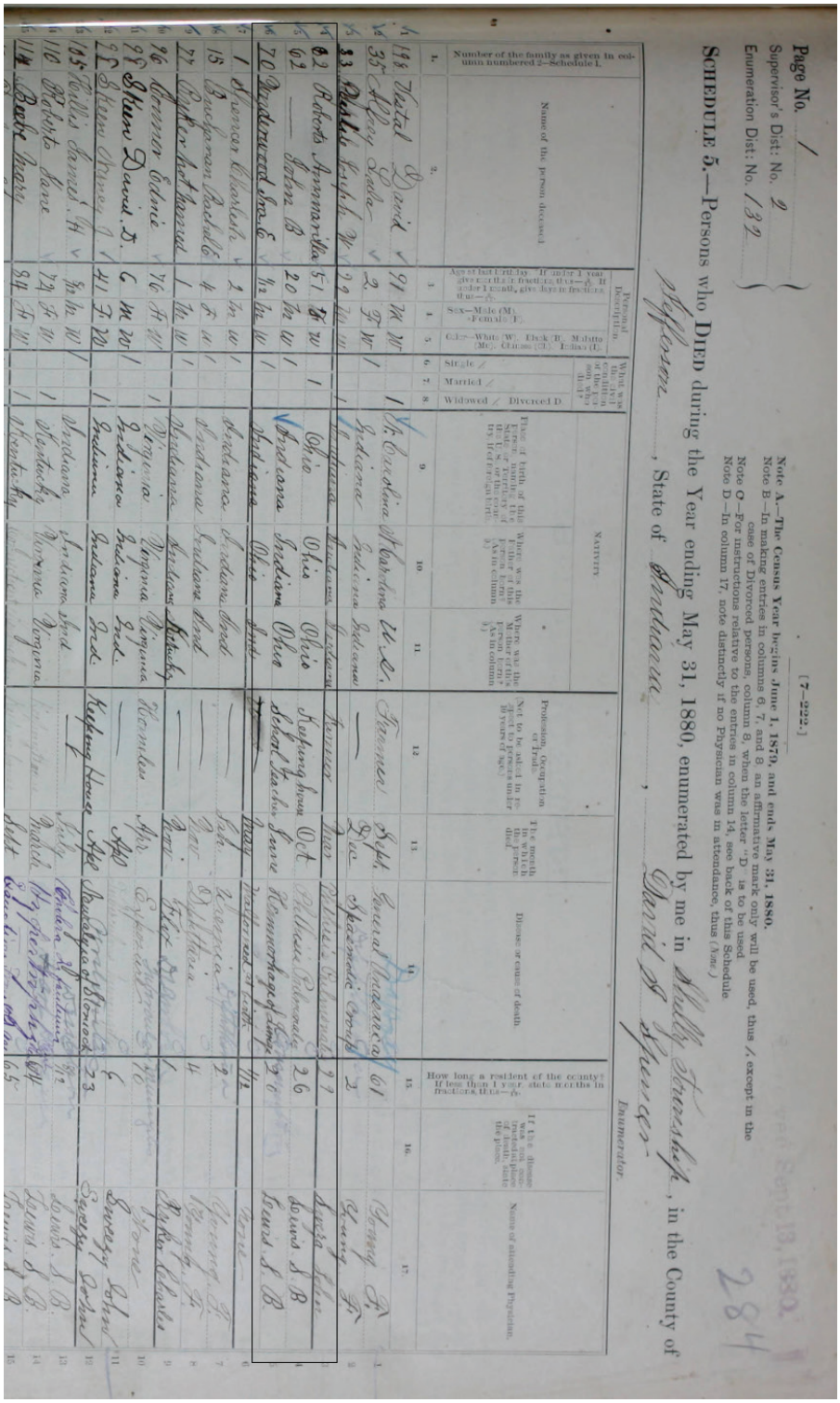
" " white males, ____ " " " females, ____ " " blind, ____

No. of insane, ____

"1870 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4263400_00696?pId=19303532 : accessed 16 Nov 2021), Indiana > Jefferson > Shelby > Image 15 of 48.

Figure 12.6

1880 Mortality Schedule – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



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Enumeration Dist: No. 132

[7—222.]

Note A—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B—In making entries in columns 6, 7, and 8, an affirmative mark only will be used, thus ✓ except in the case of Divorced persons, column 8, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note C—For instructions relative to the entries in column 14, see back of this Schedule.
Note D—In column 17, note distinctly if no Physician was in attendance, thus (None.)

SCHEDULE 5.—Persons who DIED during the Year ending May 31, 1880, enumerated by me in Shelby Township, in the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, on the 13th day of June, 1880.

Enumerator.

1. Number of the family as given in column numbered 2—Schedule 1.	2. Name of the person deceased	Personal Description. Age at last birthday. If under 1 year give months; if under 1 month, give days in fractions thus—⅔.	4. Sex—Male (M), Female (F).	5. Color—White (W), Black (B), Mulatto (Mu), Chinese (C), Indian (I).	6. Single ✓	7. Married ✓	8. Widowed ✓ Divorced D.	9. Place of birth of this Person, naming the State, Territory or Country; if born in the U. S., or the name of the Country if of foreign birth.	10. NATIVITY. Where was the Father of this Person born? Name State, Territory or Country, as in column 9.	11. Where was the Mother of this Person born? Name State, Territory or Country, as in column 9.	12. Profession, Occupation or Trade. Not to be returned in the case of persons under 10 years of age.	13. The month in which the person died.	14. Disease or cause of death.	15. How long a resident of the county? If less than 1 year, state months in fractions, thus—⅔.	16. If (1) a chronic case, state how long afflicted; (2) if accidental, state the facts.	17. Name of attending Physician.
118	Thatal David	91	M	W			W	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. C.	Farmer	Sept	General Debility	61		Perry A. Ford
35	Alley Sally	2	F	W				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	—	Dec	Hydrocephalus Chronic	3		Chas. F.
33	Dickle Sarah W	29	F	W			W	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Farmer	June	Puerperal Convulsions	27		Lucia Fisher
82	Roberts Annamarilla	51	F	W			W	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Keeping House	Oct	Chronic Rheumatism	26		Louis J. B
62	— John B	20	M	W	1			Indiana	Indiana	Ohio	Servt Farm Labor	Sept	Consumption of Lungs	26		Louis J. B
70	Braidwood Sarah E	1½	F	W				Indiana	Ohio	Ind	—	May	Inanition	1½		None
1	Duncan Charles	2	M	W	1			Indiana	Indiana	Ind	—	Feb	Pneumonia	2		Geo. F.
15	Cooperman Rachel	4	F	W	1			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	—	Jan	Diphtheria	4		Geo. F.
27	Cutler Ann Amanda	1	F	W	1			Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky	—	Feb	Fever	1		Baker Brothers
96	Conner Eldonie	76	M	W			W	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Farmer	April	Apoplexy	10		Baker Brothers
98	Shaw David. Sr.	6	M	W	1			Indiana	Indiana	Ind.	—	April	Spasms	6		Sweezy Lyford
22	Shaw Nancy J.	41	F	W			W	Indiana	Indiana	Ind.	Keeping House	Apr	Cerebral Congestion	33		Sweezy Lyford
115	Collis James. H	8m	M	W				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	—	July	Cholera Infantum	1/2		Louis J. B
10	Roberts Jane	72	F	W			W	Kentucky	Virginia	Virginia	—	Aug	Diarrhea	1/2		Louis J. B
14	Beck Tracy	84	F	W			W	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	—	Sept	Old Age	65		Louis J. B

Indiana State Library Genealogy Collection,
(https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16066coll11/id/6090/rec/4 : accessed 16 Nov 2021), U.S. Census Mortality Schedule for Indiana, 1880, Counties H-L > page 284.

Figure 12.7 (3 pages)

Headstones for Ammarilla Roberts, John B. Roberts and Susan M. Roberts

Ammarilla Roberts



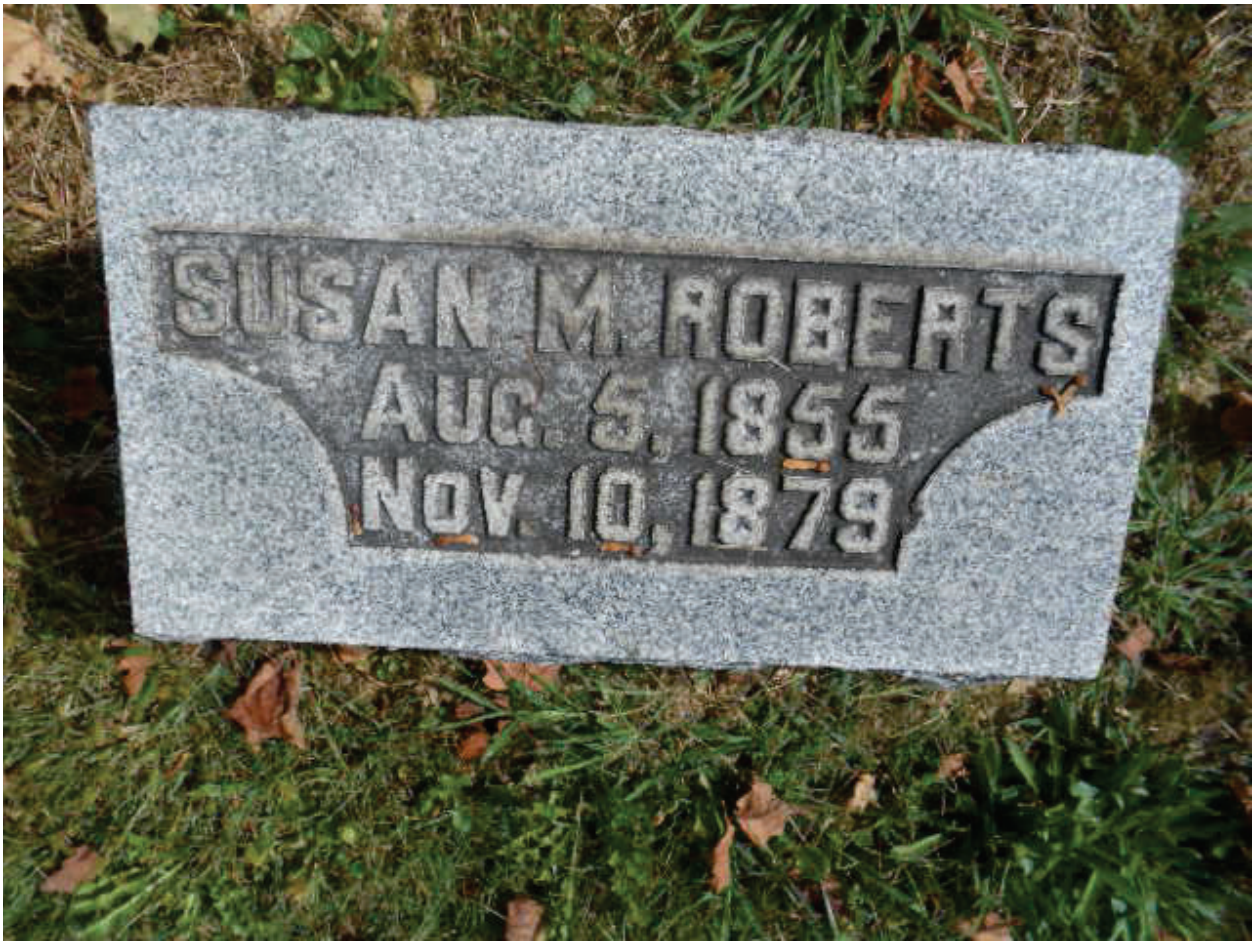
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John B. Roberts



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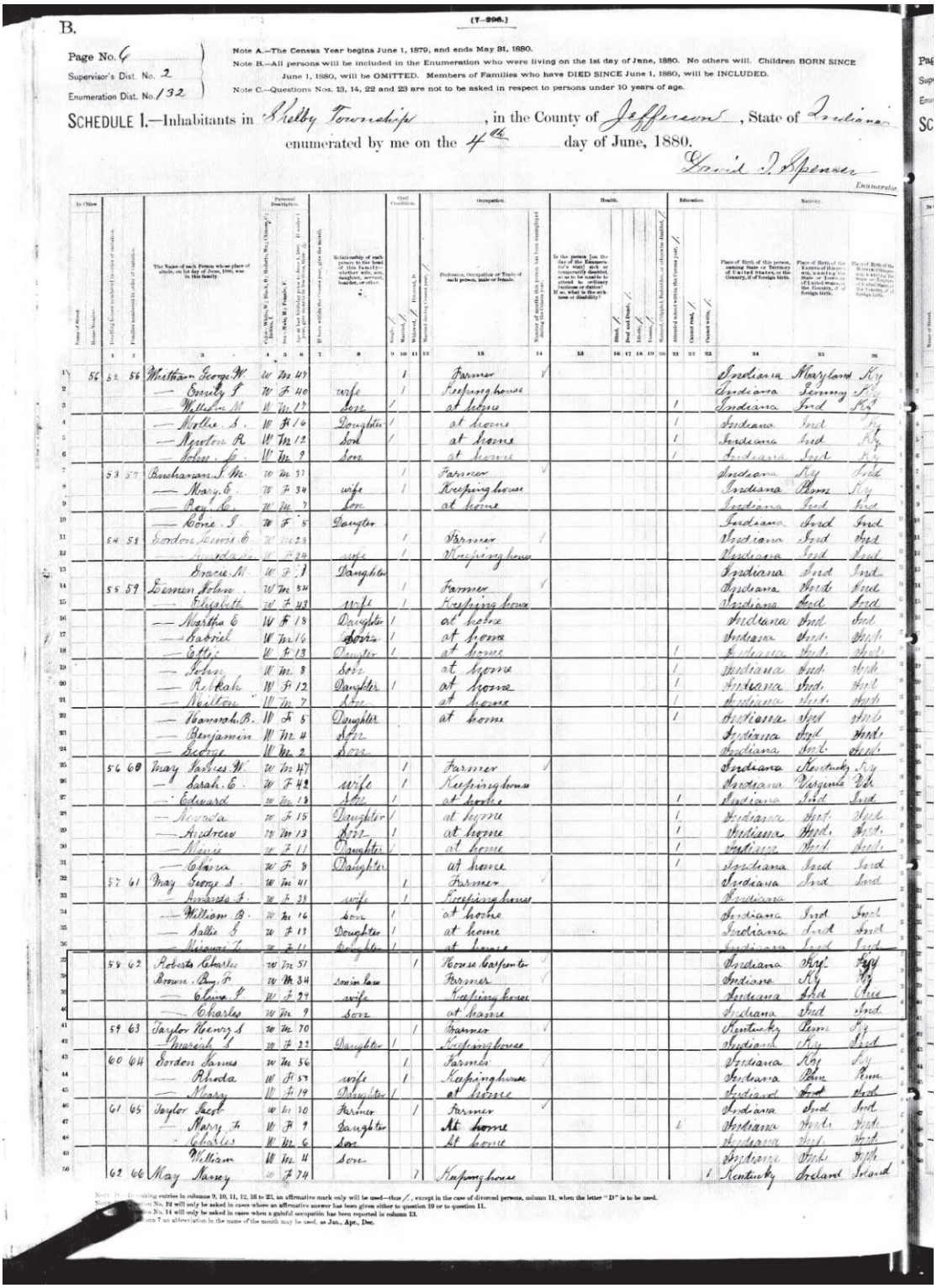
Susan M. Roberts



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Figure 12.8

1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



B.

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 132

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana enumerated by me on the 4th day of June, 1880.

David T. Spencer
Enumerator

In Ohio. Name of Street.	In Ohio. House Number.	Dwelling-House numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color, White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I.	Personal Description. Sex.—Male, M.; Female, F.	Personal Description. Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions of a month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. If born within the census year, give the month.	Civil Condition. Single.	Civil Condition. Married.	Civil Condition. Widowed.	Civil Condition. Divorced.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Occupation. Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumeration] sick or temporarily disabled, or so to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Health. Blind.	Health. Deaf and Dumb.	Health. Idiotic.	Health. Insane.	Health. Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Education. Cannot read.	Education. Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity. Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Country. If of United States, the Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity. Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Country. If of United States, the Country, if of foreign birth.
1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	56	52	56	Whitham George W.	W	M	49				1			Farmer											Indiana	Maryland	Ky
				— Emily J.	W	F	40		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana	Kentucky	Ky
				— Wilson M.	W	M	17		Son		1			at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ky
				— Mollie S.	W	F	16		Daughter		1			at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ky
				— Newton R.	W	M	12		Son		1			at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ky
				— John S.	W	M	9		Son					at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ky
		53	57	Buchanan J. M.	W	M	37				1			Farmer											Indiana	Ky	Virg
				— Mary E.	W	F	34		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana	Penn	Ky
				— Roy C.	W	M	7		Son					at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Bone J.	W	F	5		Daughter																Indiana	Ind	Ind
		54	58	Gordon Lewis C.	W	M	28				1			Farmer											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Indiana	W	F	24		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Gracie M.	W	F	1		Daughter																Indiana	Ind	Ind
		55	59	Leeman John	W	M	54				1			Farmer											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Elizabeth	W	F	43		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Martha E.	W	F	18		Daughter	1				at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Gabriel	W	M	16		Son	1				at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Effie	W	F	13		Daughter	1				at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— John	W	M	8		Son					at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Rebkah	W	F	12		Daughter	1				at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Walter	W	M	7		Son					at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Hannah B.	W	F	5		Daughter					at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Benjamin	W	M	4		Son																Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— George	W	M	2		Son																Indiana	Ind	Ind
		56	60	Mary James W.	W	M	47				1			Farmer											Indiana	Kentucky	Ky
				— Sarah E.	W	F	42		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana	Virginia	Va
				— Edward	W	M	18		Son	1				at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Nevada	W	F	15		Daughter	1				at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Andrew	W	M	13		Son	1				at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Nancy	W	F	11		Daughter	1				at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Celarin	W	F	9		Daughter					at home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
		57	61	May George S.	W	M	41				1			Farmer											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Amanda E.	W	F	38		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana		
				— William B.	W	M	16		Son	1				at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Sallie E.	W	F	13		Daughter	1				at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Minnie T.	W	F	11		Daughter	1				at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
		58	62	Roberts Charles	W	M	51					1		House Carpenter											Indiana	Ky	Ky
				Browne Benj. F.	W	M	34		Son in law					Farmer											Indiana	Ky	Ky
				— Elvira F.	W	F	29		wife					Keeping house											Indiana	Ohio	Ohio
				— Charles	W	M	9		Son					at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
		59	63	Taylor Reuben A.	W	M	70					1		Farmer											Kentucky	Penn	Ky
				— Mariah J.	W	F	22		Daughter	1				Keeping house											Indiana	Ky	Ind
		60	64	Gordon James	W	M	56					1		Farmer											Indiana	Ky	Ky
				— Rhoda	W	F	53		wife		1			Keeping house											Indiana	Penn	Penn
				— Mary	W	F	19		Daughter	1				at home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
		61	65	Taylor Jacob	W	M	30				1			Farmer											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Mary Jr.	W	F	9		Daughter					At home									1		Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— Charles	W	M	6		Son					At home											Indiana	Ind	Ind
				— William	W	M	4		Son																Indiana	Ind	Ind
		62	66	May Nancy	W	F	74					1		Keeping house										1	Kentucky	Ireland	Ireland

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 22 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 19 or to question 21.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases where a painful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—Column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

"1880 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240599-00156?pId=27558003 : accessed 16 Nov 2021), Indiana > Jefferson > Shelby > 132 > Image 6 of 34.

Figure 12.9

Benjamin Franklin Brown Obituary

Called To His Final Home.

The announcement of the death of B. F. Brown, formerly a resident of Polk county, but who for a number of years has made his home in Oklahoma where his son resides, was received here with profound sorrow last week. The deceased had been in a frail condition for many months and a number of changes in location had been made with the hopes of prolonging his life. This was partially successful, but the grim reaper finally could not be put off any longer and at the age of 72 years our old friend and neighbor was called to his final home.

Funeral services were held in Osceola on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. J. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church of Surprise, preaching the sermon over the remains which were later deposited in the Osceola cemetery. The G. A. R. of which he was a member having charge of the burial. Floral offerings were very attractive and the large attendance at the servics attested the love and esteem in which Mr. Brown had been held 4by the people of Osceola and Polk county.

Mr. Brown and family came to this county in July 1882, from Jefferson county, Indiana. He bought a farm home three miles east of Osceola and resided there for many years. During his residence here he served as Clerk of the District Court, filling the office with credit and honor to himself and the people who voted for him. He was a member of the Baptist church, and one of the most kind hearted persons we have ever been privileged to meet.

Benjamin Franklin Brown was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, May 4, 1844, and died at his home at Shawnee, Okla., February 24, 1916.

At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted in the ninety day service and later in Company M. 3rd. Indiana Cavalry, seving two years, being mustered out at the close of the conflict.

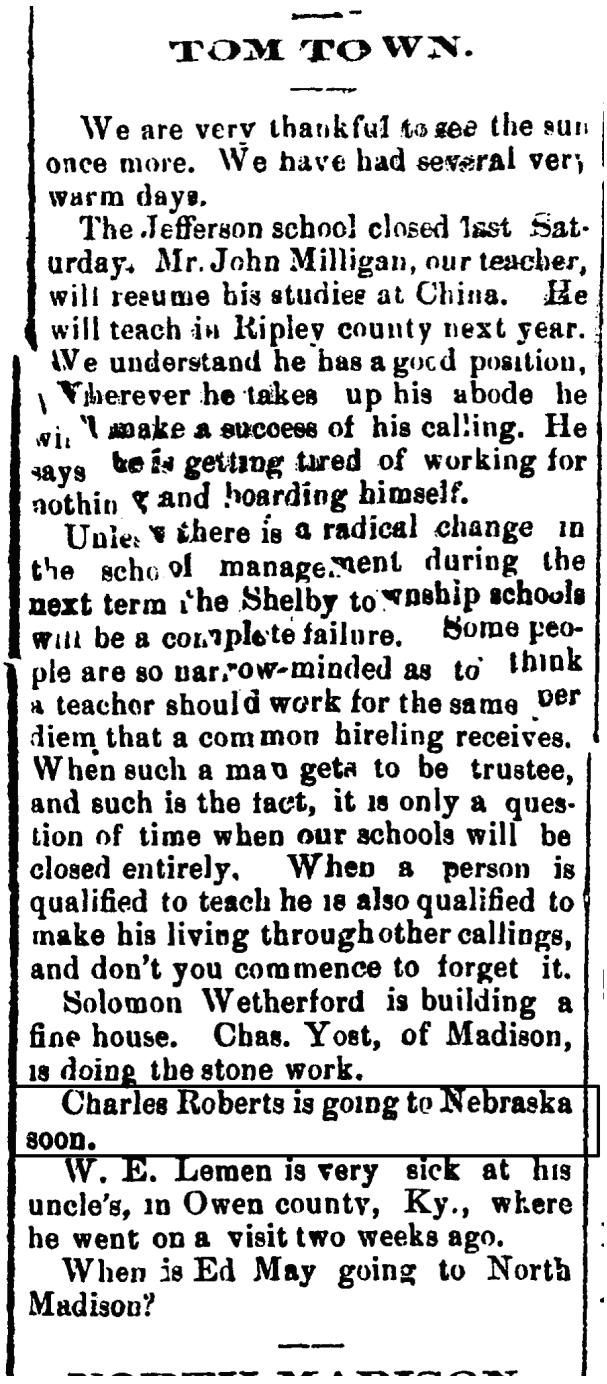
On November 21, 1869, he was married to Elsina Jane Roberts in Jefferson county, Ind., and to this union were born five children of whom C. D. Brown of Shawnee, Okla., and Mrs. E. B. Zang, together with their mother, survive the father.

Mr. Brown was a member of a family of fourteen children of which there is left one, his youngest brother in Indiana, who was unable to attend the funeral His twin brother, Francis M. Brown, having died in September of last year.

Polk County (Osceola, NE) Democrat, 2 Mar 1916, pg. 1 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 12.10

Charles Roberts[12] Move to Nebraska



TOM TOWN.

We are very thankful to see the sun once more. We have had several very warm days.

The Jefferson school closed last Saturday. Mr. John Milligan, our teacher, will resume his studies at China. He will teach in Ripley county next year. We understand he has a good position. Wherever he takes up his abode he will make a success of his calling. He says he is getting tired of working for nothing and boarding himself.

Unless there is a radical change in the school management during the next term the Shelby township schools will be a complete failure. Some people are so narrow-minded as to think a teacher should work for the same per diem that a common hireling receives. When such a man gets to be trustee, and such is the fact, it is only a question of time when our schools will be closed entirely. When a person is qualified to teach he is also qualified to make his living through other callings, and don't you commence to forget it.

Solomon Wetherford is building a fine house. Chas. Yost, of Madison, is doing the stone work.

Charles Roberts is going to Nebraska soon.

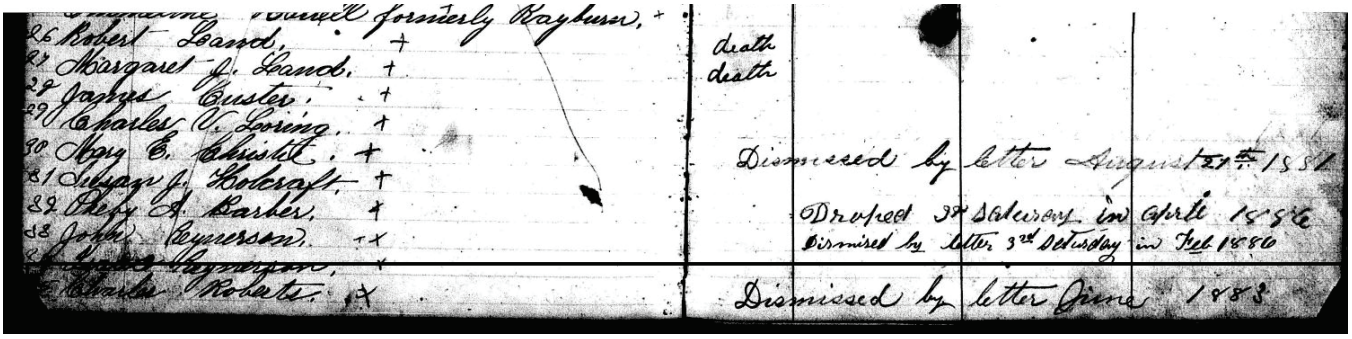
W. E. Lemen is very sick at his uncle's, in Owen county, Ky., where he went on a visit two weeks ago.

When is Ed May going to North Madison?

Madison (IN) Weekly Herald, 25 Apr 1883, pg. 4 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 12.11

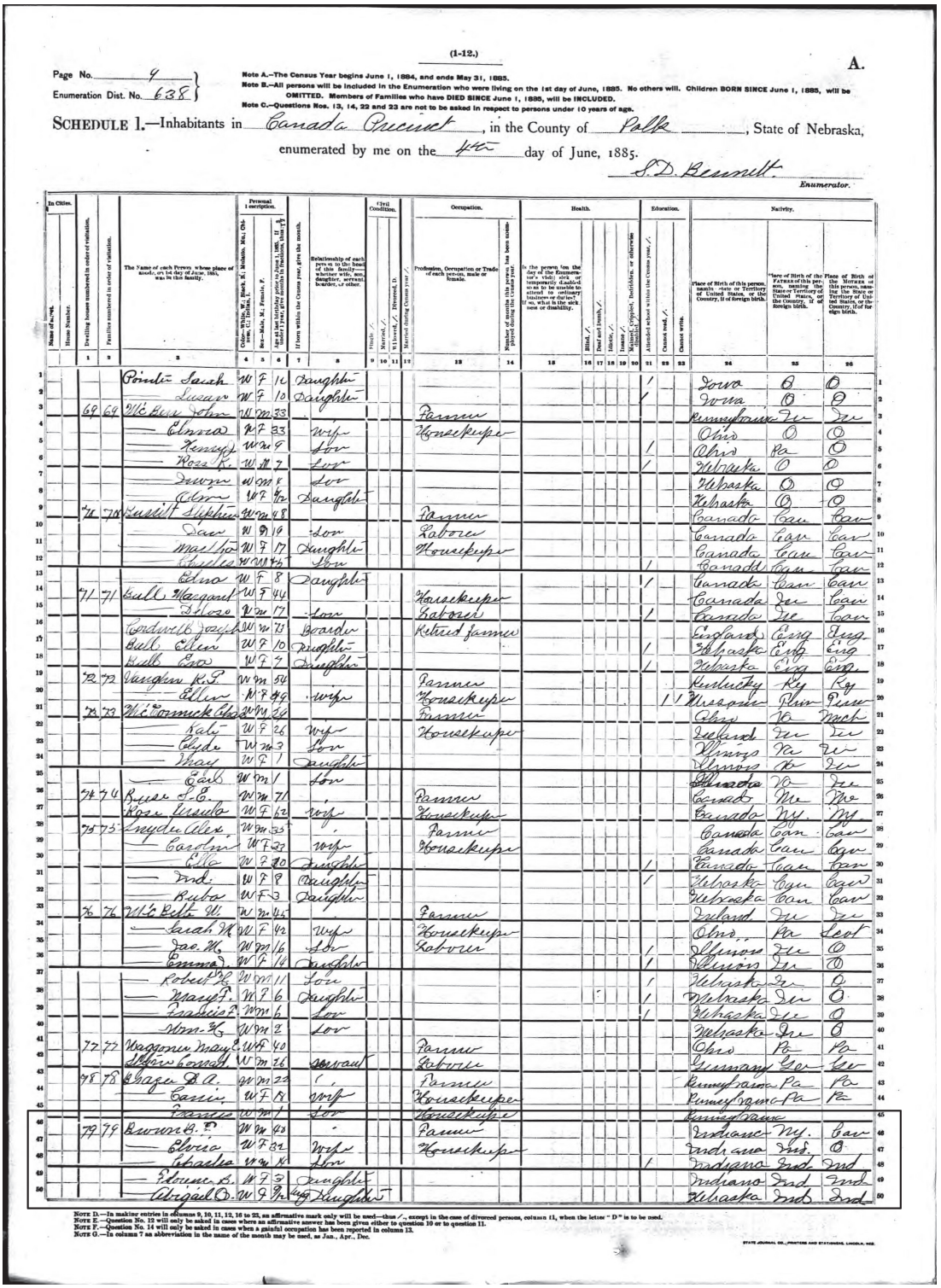
West Fork Baptist Church – Charles Roberts[12] Dismissal



"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 12.12

1885 Nebraska State Census – Canada Precinct, Polk County, Nebraska



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A.

Page No. 4
Enumeration Dist. No. 638

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1884, and ends May 31, 1885.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1885. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1885, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1885, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Canada Precinct, in the County of Polk, State of Nebraska, enumerated by me on the 4th day of June, 1885.

S. D. Bennett
Enumerator.

In Cities.					Personal Description.						Civil Condition.				Occupation.		Health.						Education.			Nativity.		
Name of Ward.	House Number.	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1885, was in this family.	Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, Ch. Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.		Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1885. If under 1 year, give months. If a month or less, give days.			Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Married during Census year.	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been employed during the Census year.	To the person (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) sick or temporarily disabled so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or occupation? If so, what is the sickness or disability.	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of the United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1	2			3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Pontius Sarah	W	F	12			daughter														1			Iowa	O	O
				Lucas	W	F	10			daughter														1			Iowa	O	O
		69	69	McKee John	W	M	33									Farmer											Pennsylvania	Ire	Ire
				Elmira	W	F	33			wife						Housekeeper											Ohio	O	O
				Henry	W	M	9			son														1			Ohio	Pa	O
				Rosa E.	W	F	7			dau														1			Nebraska	O	O
				Irwin	W	M	8			son																	Nebraska	O	O
				Alice	W	F	4			daughter																	Nebraska	O	O
		76	76	Russell Stephen	W	M	48									Farmer											Canada	Can	Can
				Dan	W	M	19			son						Laborer											Canada	Can	Can
				Martha	W	F	17			daughter						Housekeeper											Canada	Can	Can
				Charles	W	M	15			son														1			Canada	Can	Can
				Edna	W	F	8			daughter														1			Canada	Can	Can
		71	71	Bull Margaret	W	F	44									Housekeeper											Canada	Can	Can
				Eloise	W	M	17			son						Laborer								1			Canada	Ire	Can
				Cudworth Joseph	W	M	71			boarder						Retired Farmer											England	Eng	Eng
				Bull Ellen	W	F	10			daughter														1			Nebraska	Eng	Eng
				Bull Cora	W	F	4			daughter														1			Nebraska	Eng	Eng
		72	72	Vaughn R.P.	W	M	54									Farmer											Kentucky	Ky	Ky
				Ellen	W	F	49			wife						Housekeeper								1	1		Missouri	Penn	Penn
		73	73	McCormick Chas	W	M	56									Farmer											Ohio	Va	Mass
				Katy	W	F	26			wife						Housekeeper											Ireland	Ire	Ire
				Clyde	W	M	3			son																	Illinois	Ire	Ire
				Mary	W	F	1			daughter																	Illinois	Ire	Ire
				Carl	W	M	1			son																	Nebraska	Ire	Ire
		74	74	Ryan S.C.	W	M	71									Farmer											Canada	Me	Me
				Rose Ursula	W	F	62			wife						Housekeeper											Canada	NY	NY
		75	75	Snyder Alex	W	M	33									Farmer											Canada	Can	Can
				Caroline	W	F	28			wife						Housekeeper											Canada	Can	Can
				Ella	W	F	10			daughter														1			Canada	Can	Can
				Ind.	W	F	8			daughter														1			Nebraska	Can	Can
				Ruba	W	F	3			daughter																	Nebraska	Can	Can
		76	76	McBelle W.	W	M	45									Farmer											Ireland	Ire	Ire
				Sarah M.	W	F	42			wife						Housekeeper											Ohio	Pa	Scot
				Jas. M.	W	M	16			son						Laborer								1			Illinois	Ire	O
				Emma J.	W	F	14			daughter														1			Illinois	Ire	O
				Robert M.	W	M	11			son														1			Nebraska	Ire	O
				Mary F.	W	F	6			daughter														1			Nebraska	Ire	O
				Charles?	W	M	6			son														1			Nebraska	Ire	O
				Wm. H.	W	M	2			son																	Nebraska	Ire	O
		77	77	Waggoner May	W	F	40									Farmer											Ohio	Pa	Pa
				Meyer Conrad	W	M	76			servant						Laborer											Germany	Ger	Ger
		78	78	Glaze D.A.	W	M	22									Farmer											Pennsylvania	Pa	Pa
				Carrie	W	F	18			wife						Housekeeper											Pennsylvania	Pa	Pa
				Fannie	W	M	1			son						Housekeeper											Pennsylvania		
		79	79	Brown B.F.	W	M	43									Farmer											Indiana	NY	Can
				Elvira	W	F	32			wife						Housekeeper											Indiana	Ind	O
				Charles	W	M	8			son														1			Indiana	Ind	Ind
				Elmina S.	W	F	3			daughter																	Indiana	Ind	Ind
				Abigail O.	W	F	1			daughter																	Nebraska	Ind	Ind

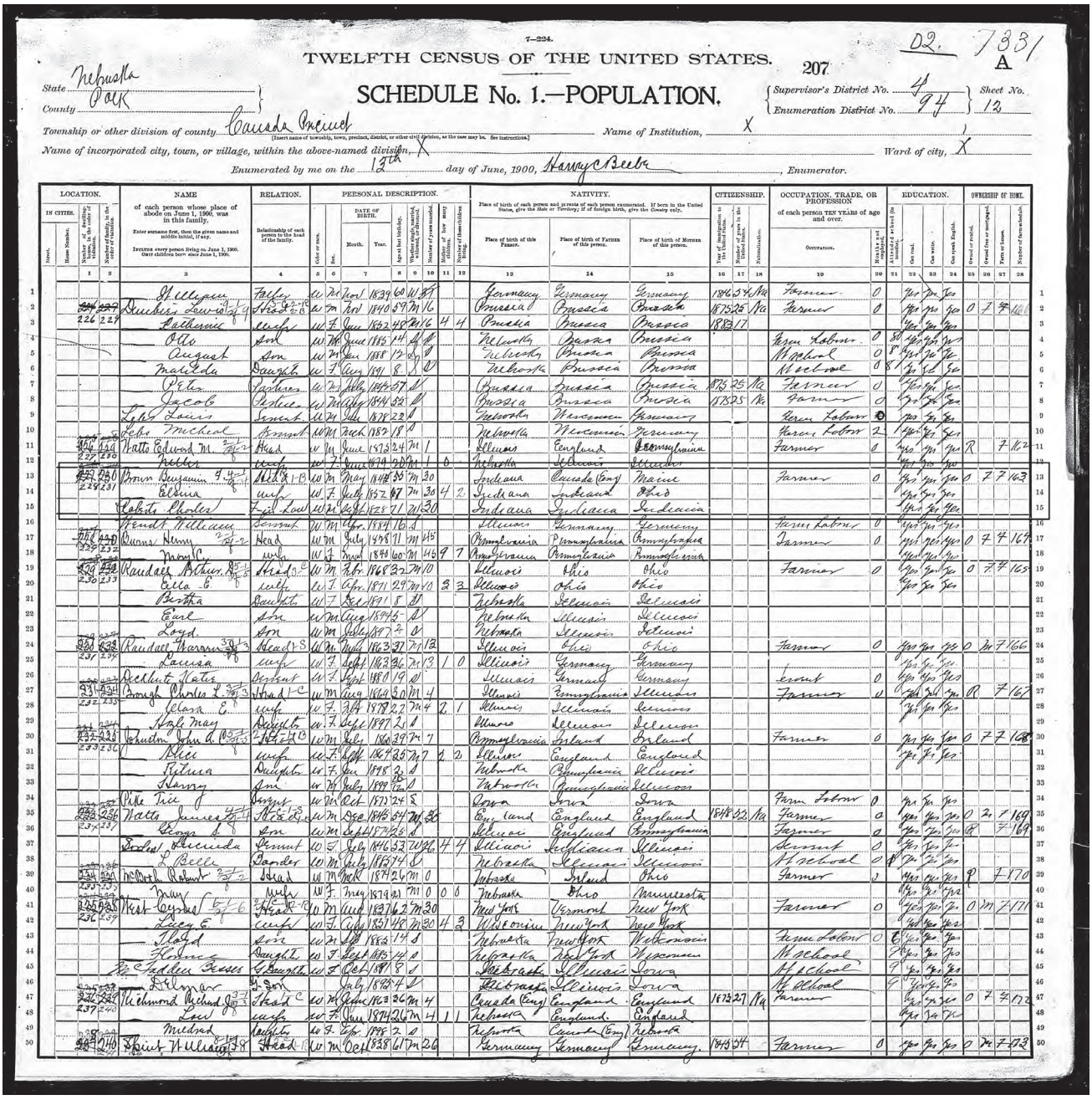
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Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Figure 12.13

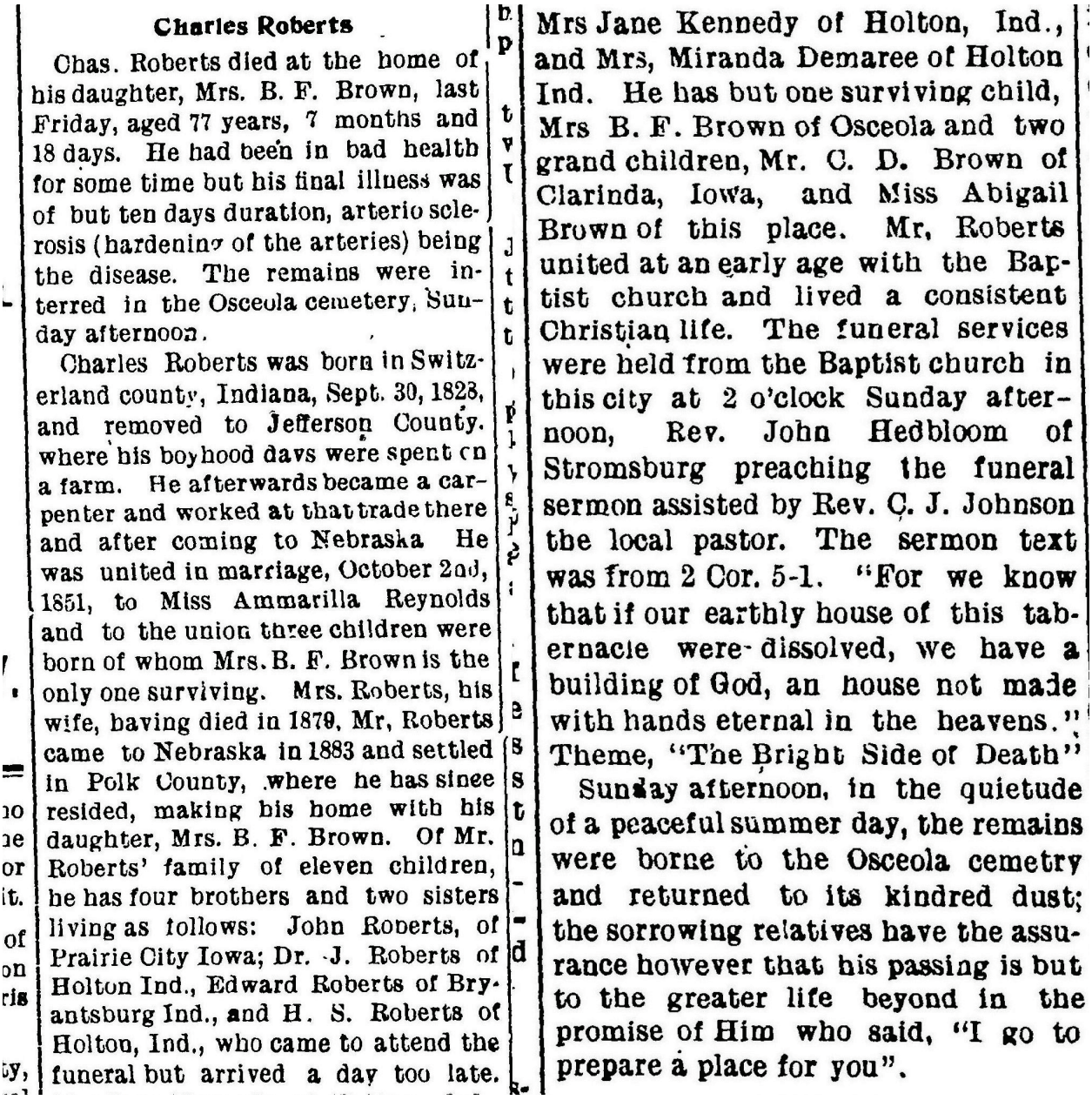
1900 United States Federal Census – Canada Precinct, Polk County, Nebraska



"1900 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4120377_00660?pId=65292306 : accessed 17 Nov 2021), Nebraska > Polk > Canada > District 0094 > Image 23 of 28.

Figure 12.14

Charles Roberts[12] Obituary



Charles Roberts

Chas. Roberts died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Brown, last Friday, aged 77 years, 7 months and 18 days. He had been in bad health for some time but his final illness was of but ten days duration, arterio sclerosis (hardening of the arteries) being the disease. The remains were interred in the Osceola cemetery, Sunday afternoon.

Charles Roberts was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, Sept. 30, 1828, and removed to Jefferson County, where his boyhood days were spent on a farm. He afterwards became a carpenter and worked at that trade there and after coming to Nebraska He was united in marriage, October 2nd, 1851, to Miss Ammarilla Reynolds and to the union three children were born of whom Mrs. B. F. Brown is the only one surviving. Mrs. Roberts, his wife, having died in 1879, Mr, Roberts came to Nebraska in 1883 and settled in Polk County, where he has since resided, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Brown. Of Mr. Roberts' family of eleven children, he has four brothers and two sisters living as follows: John Roberts, of Prairie City Iowa; Dr. J. Roberts of Holton Ind., Edward Roberts of Bryantsburg Ind., and H. S. Roberts of Holton, Ind., who came to attend the funeral but arrived a day too late. Mrs Jane Kennedy of Holton, Ind., and Mrs, Miranda Demaree of Holton Ind. He has but one surviving child, Mrs B. F. Brown of Osceola and two grand children, Mr. C. D. Brown of Clarinda, Iowa, and Miss Abigail Brown of this place. Mr, Roberts united at an early age with the Baptist church and lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral services were held from the Baptist church in this city at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. John Hedbloom of Stromsburg preaching the funeral sermon assisted by Rev. C. J. Johnson the local pastor. The sermon text was from 2 Cor. 5-1. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Theme, "The Bright Side of Death"

Sunday afternoon, in the quietude of a peaceful summer day, the remains were borne to the Osceola cemetry and returned to its kindred dust; the sorrowing relatives have the assurance however that his passing is but to the greater life beyond in the promise of Him who said, "I go to prepare a place for you".

Osceola (NE) Record, 24 May 1906, pg. 5.
Polk County, Nebraska Historical Society (https://polkcountyne.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?k=charles%20roberts&i=f&by=1906&bdd=1900&d=05241906-05251906&m=between&ord=k1&fn=osceola_record_usa_nebraska_osceola_19060524_english_5&df=1&dt=2 : accessed 17 Nov 2021).

Appendix 12.1

Listing of West Fork Baptist Church Records
Pertaining to Charles[12] and Ammarilla (Reynolds) Roberts

Dates of church meetings are generally recorded in the minutes as, for example, "3rd Sat in May 1854." Dates shown are actual calendar dates.

Source: "Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Charles

- **Undated.** List of members received since the Association in 1837.
- **26 May 1854.** Received by experience.
- **17 Dec 1870.** Appointed to committee to visit J. D. Griffith about becoming minister.
- **20 Dec 1873.** Appointed to inform Brother Stevenson of church's decision to accept his terms for becoming minister.
- **17 Jul 1875.** Appointed to serve as church sexton for the August 1875 meeting.
- **28 Apr 1883.** Letter of dismissal.
- **Undated.** List of members. Dismissed by letter, June 1883.

Ammarilla

- **Undated.** List of members received since the Association in 1837.
- **25 May 1854.** Received by experience.

13. SARAH ANN "SALLIE" (b. 20 Nov 1830, d. 12 Sep 1905)

Birth: 20 Nov 1830 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.

Marriage & children: 22 Nov 1853 to William Rafe Rayburn in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 18 Oct 1822 in Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, Kentucky; d. 23 Jan 1893 in Warren County, Illinois).

- George Washington Rayburn
  - b. 4 Nov 1856 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
  - m. 31 Dec 1884 to Minnie Cox Luster in Warren County, Illinois (b. 28 Aug 1862 in Berwick, Warren County, Illinois; d. 9 Jul 1929 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
  - d. 8 Jun 1922 in Roseville, Washington County, Illinois.
- Ida J. Rayburn
  - b. 1859 in Warren County, Illinois.
  - d. 1860 in Warren County, Illinois.
- Willie Rayburn
  - b. 1862 in Warren County, Illinois.
  - d. 1864 in Warren County, Illinois.
- Frank Sheridan Rayburn
  - b. 9 May 1867 in Warren County, Illinois.
  - m. 3 Oct 1894 to Nora Jessie Karns in Warren County, Illinois (b. 11 Oct 1870 in Greenbush, Warren County, Illinois; d. 4 Dec 1923 in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois). Divorced 25 Feb 1922 in Warren County, Illinois.
  - d. 26 Sep 1927 in Muscatine County, Iowa.
- John Roberts Rayburn
  - b. 9 Jul 1869 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
  - m. 5 Oct 1898 to Emma Malcolm in Warren County, Illinois (b. 8 Oct 1875 in Illinois; d. 17 Jul 1945 in San Diego County, California).
  - d. 7 Apr 1944 in San Diego County, California.
- Eddie Rayburn
  - b. 1873, probably 9 Jan, in Warren County, Illinois.
  - d. 1873, probably Apr, in Warren County, Illinois.
- Charles Clyde Rayburn
  - b. 9 Jan 1873 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
  - d. 19 Mar 1912 in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

Death: 12 Sep 1905 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois

Sarah, the third child of John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts, was born 20 Nov 1830. While one of her obituaries states she was born in Jefferson County, Indiana, her birth was likely in

Switzerland County since that is where her parents were living. I have not found an 1830 census record that positively reflects the John S. Roberts family at that time, the one that most closely matches the known family members is in Switzerland County. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear to be in that, or subsequent, census records.[1,2,3]

- Male < 5 – 1 [Charles[12]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 [William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 [either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John[4]]
- Female < 5 – 1 [Sarah[13]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 [Unknown]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that Sarah's father was engaged in agriculture.[4]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Sarah's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, her parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm. Sarah was received into church membership by letter on 26 Aug 1848 and was dismissed on 27 Sep 1851.[5,6,7,8]

About May 1847, Sarah's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. The 1850 census for Shelby Township, Jefferson County shows that Sarah had not attended school in the past year, so we do not know anything about the

[1] Figure 13.1. Sarah (Roberts) Rayburn[13] Headstone.
[2] See Figure 13.13. Sarah (Roberts) Rayburn[13] Obituaries.
[3] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[5] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[6] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[7] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.
[8] Figure 13.2. West Fork Baptist Church Records – Sarah Roberts[13] Received into Membership and Dismissal.

level of education she may have received. She married William Rafe Rayburn on 22 Nov 1853 in Jefferson County.[9,10,11]

According to a biographical sketch about William, he and Sarah moved to Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois about 18 months after their marriage where, in April 1855, he purchased a tax title to 160 acres of unbroken land in section 36 of Ellison Township. He had friends in Warren County and was attracted by the rich prairies of Illinois, convinced they were superior for farming than the lands in Indiana. It was here they began building their family of seven children, three of whom passed away at two years of age or less. Over time, William purchased additional land and eventually owned 560 acres divided between Sections 14, 23, 26, and 36 of Ellison Township upon which he raised cattle and hogs. At one time, William was Township Supervisor. Sarah was an active member of the Baptist Church.[12,13]

Sarah and William's first two children in their new home passed away very young. Ida J. was about a year old when she passed away in 1860 and Willie was about two years old when he passed away in 1864. While William's real and personal estate holdings were initially modest, valued at $3,300 and $300, respectively, in the 1860 census, by the 1870 census, they were valued at $20,000 and $2,800 respectively. The Rayburn family continued to live in Ellison Township for the 1880 census, where William is recorded as a farmer.[14,15,16,17]

In 1873, Sarah and William welcomed their last two children, Charles and Eddie, into the family. Charles was born 9 Jan 1873. The only record of Eddie is his headstone, which notes that he passed away in 1873 at the age of three months. From this, it is likely Charles and Eddie were twins, with Eddie's death abt. Apr 1873.[18,19]

William passed away 23 Jan 1893 in Roseville of pneumonia and was buried 26 Jan 1893 at the Roseville Cemetery. Later that year, on 15 Oct 1893, a family reunion with most of Sarah's living siblings was held at the home of her brother, Jeremiah[16], in Holton, Indiana. The attendees included Sarah; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; Henry[18]; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles[12], however, was unable to attend.[20,21]

After having been in generally poor health for a long time and bedridden for about 10 months, Sarah passed away at her home in Roseville at 7:45 pm on 12 Sep 1905. Her funeral was held at

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[9] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[10] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[11] Figure 13.3. Sarah Ann Roberts[13] and William Rafe Rayburn Marriage Record.
[12] Figure 13.4. Biographical Sketch – William Rafe Rayburn.
[13] Figure 13.5. 1872 Plat Map – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois.
[14] Figure 13.6. 1860 United States Federal Census – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois.
[15] Figure 13.7. 1870 United States Federal Census – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois.
[16] Figure 13.8. 1880 United States Federal Census – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois.
[17] Figure 13.9. Ida J. and Willie Rayburn Headstones.
[18] Figure 13.10. Charles Clyde Rayburn Obituary.
[19] Figure 13.11. Eddie Rayburn Headstone.
[20] Figure 13.12. William Rafe Rayburn Obituary.
[21] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).

the Roseville Baptist church on 21 Sep 1905, with burial next to her husband at the Roseville Cemetery.[22,23]

[22] Figure 13.13. Sarah (Roberts) Rayburn[13] Obituaries.
[23] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/92513043/sarah-ann-rayburn : accessed 19 November 2021), memorial page for Sarah Ann "Sallie" Roberts Rayburn (20 Nov 1830–12 Sep 1905), Find a Grave Memorial ID 92513043, citing Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, Warren County, Illinois, USA; Maintained by JRoberts (contributor 48769167).

Figure 13.1

Sarah (Roberts) Rayburn[13] Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/92513043/sarah-ann-rayburn : accessed 19 November 2021), memorial page for Sarah Ann "Sallie" Roberts Rayburn (20 Nov 1830–12 Sep 1905), Find a Grave Memorial ID 92513043, citing Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, Warren County, Illinois, USA; Maintained by JRoberts (contributor 48769167). Photo added 14 Jul 2013 by Roger Rayborn (contributor 47839987).

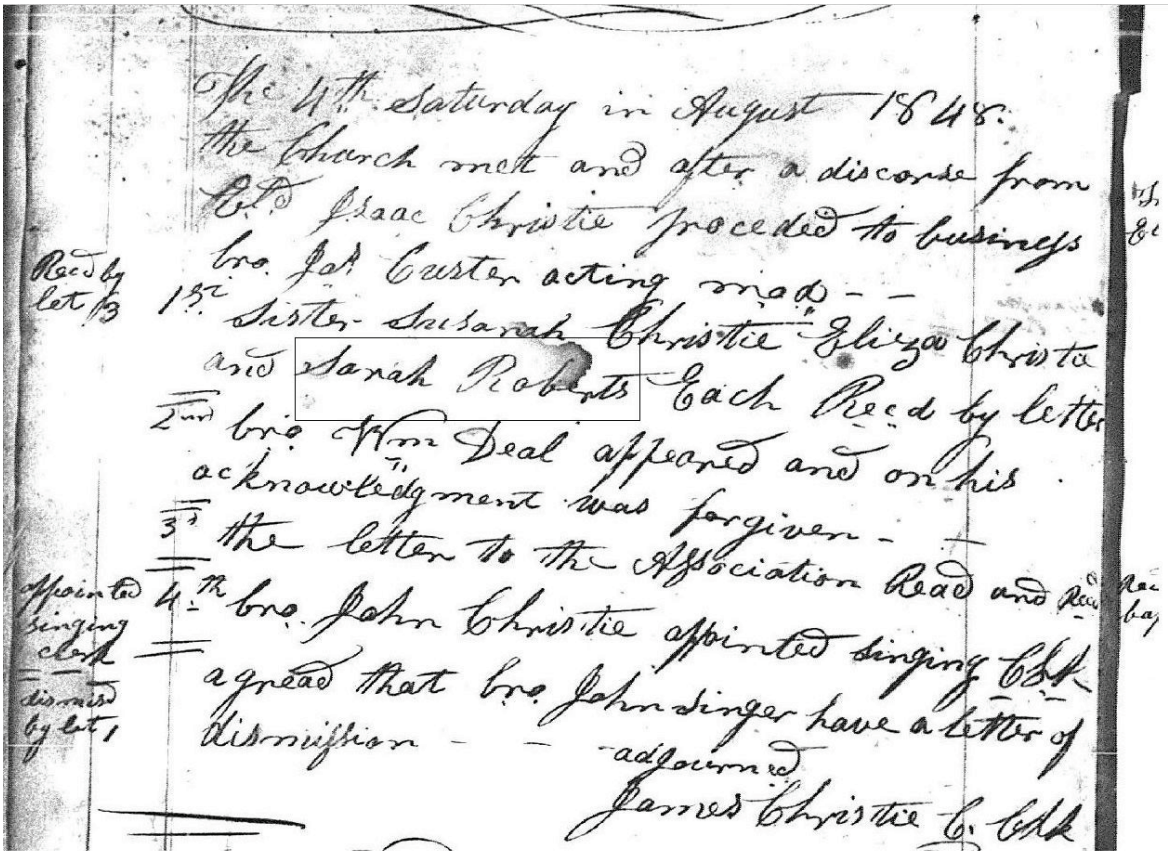
Figure 13.2

West Fork Baptist Church Records – Sarah Roberts[13] Received into Membership and Dismissal

A. 26 Aug 1848

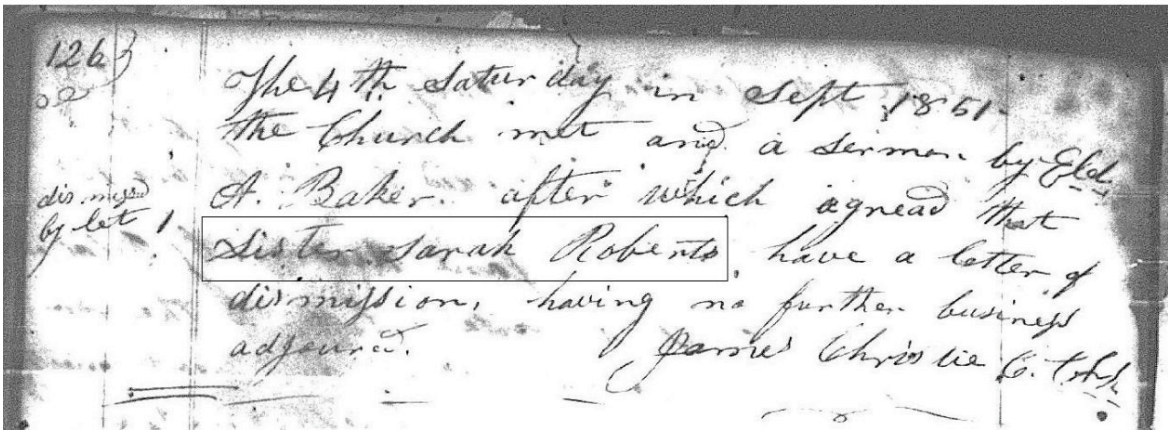
B. 27 Sep 1851

A



The 4th Saturday in August 1848.
the Church met and after a discorse from
Eld. Isaac Christie proceded to business
Rec'd by bro. Jas Custer acting mod. - -
let 1st Sister Susarah Christie Eliza Christie
and Sarah Roberts Each Rec'd by letter
2nd bro. Wm Deal appeared and on his
acknowledgment was forgiven - -
3d the letter to the Association Read and
Appointed 4th bro. John Christie appointed singing Clk
singing
clerk
dismissed agread that bro. John singer have a letter of
by let 1 dismission - - adjourned
James Christie C. Clk

B

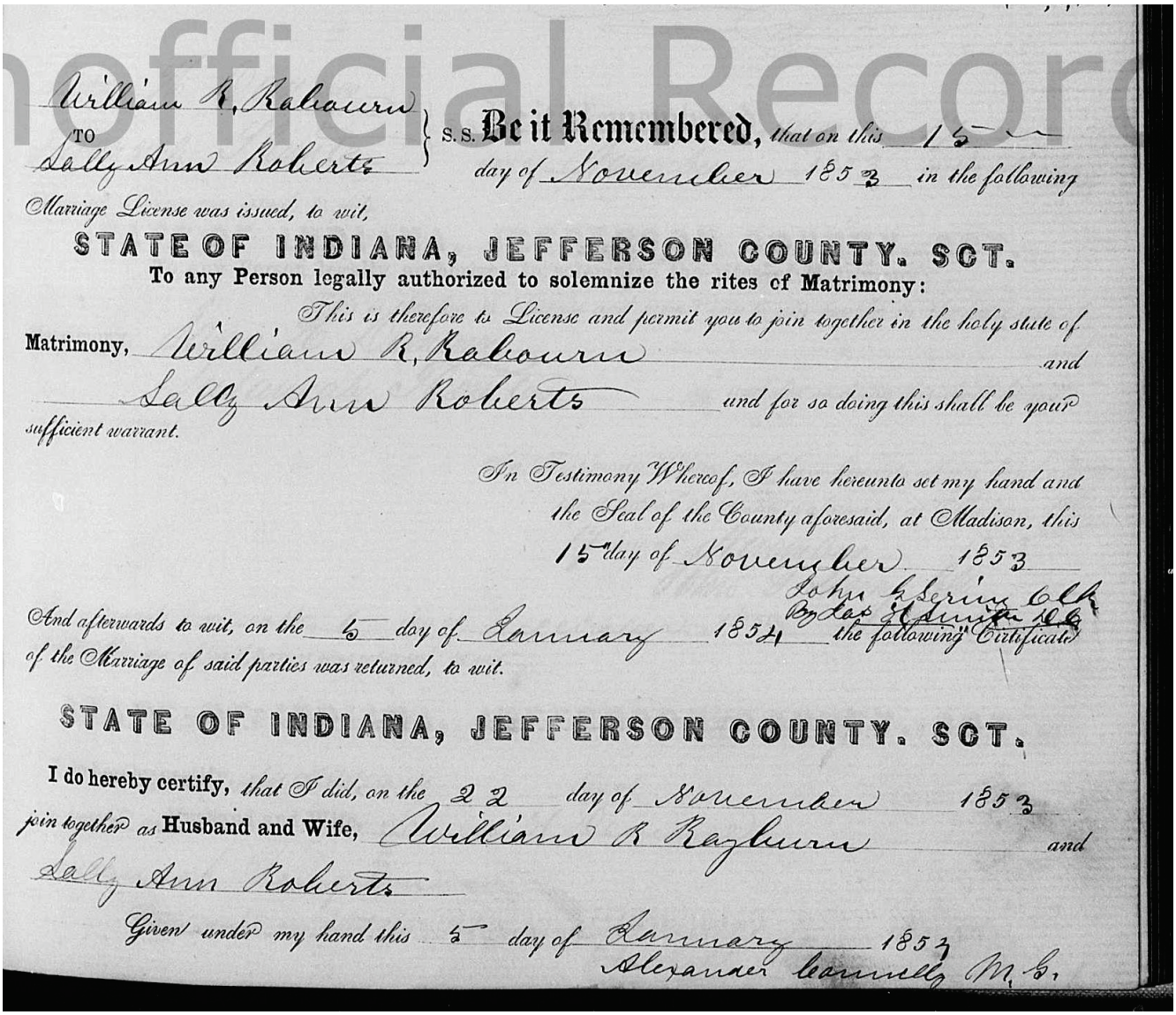


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The 4th Saturday in Sept 1851
the Church met and a sermon by Eld.
dismissed A. Baker. after which agread that
by let 1 Sister Sarah Roberts have a letter of
dismission, having no further business
adjourned.
James Christie C. Clk

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 13.3

Sarah Ann Roberts[13] and William Rafe Rayburn Marriage Record



William R, Rabourn
TO
Sally Ann Roberts

S.S. **Be it Remembered,** that on this 15 day of November 1853 in the following Marriage License was issued, to wit,

STATE OF INDIANA, JEFFERSON COUNTY. SCT.

To any Person legally authorized to solemnize the rites of Matrimony:

This is therefore to License and permit you to join together in the holy state of Matrimony, William R, Rabourn and Sally Ann Roberts and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the County aforesaid, at Madison, this 15th day of November 1853

John L Ewing Clk
By Lap [illegible] D.C.

And afterwards to wit, on the 5 day of January 1854 the following Certificate of the Marriage of said parties was returned, to wit.

STATE OF INDIANA, JEFFERSON COUNTY. SCT.

I do hereby certify, that I did, on the 22 day of November 1853 join together as **Husband and Wife,** William R Rayburn and Sally Ann Roberts

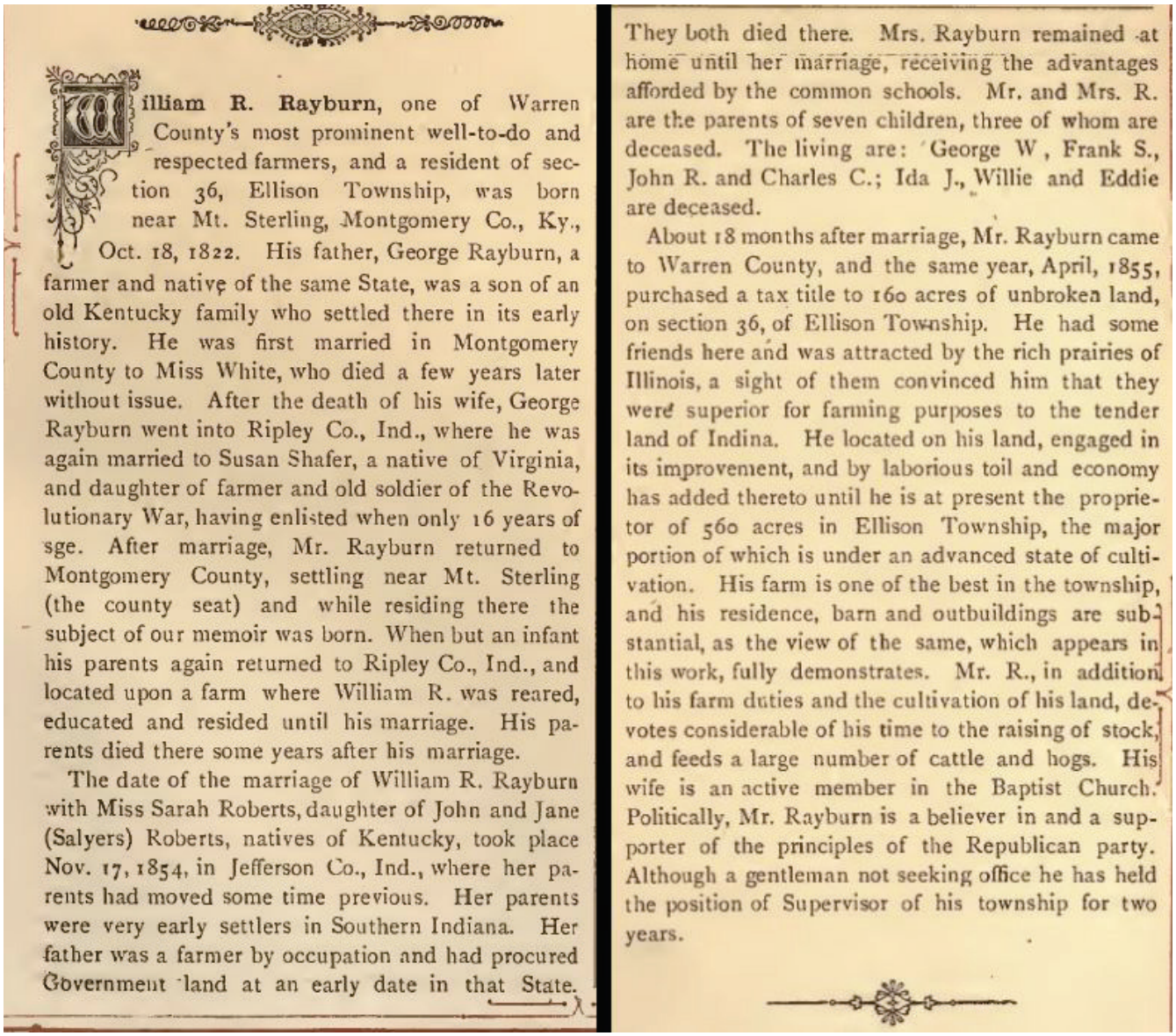
Given under my hand this 5 day of January 1854

Alexander Cannell M.G.

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019," database with images, *Family Search*, (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-HB9K-WG?i=155&cc=1410397 : accessed 19 Nov 2021), Jefferson > 1853-1855 > Image 156 of 454.

Figure 13.4

Biographical Sketch – William Rafe Rayburn



William R. Rayburn, one of Warren County's most prominent well-to-do and respected farmers, and a resident of section 36, Ellison Township, was born near Mt. Sterling, Montgomery Co., Ky., Oct. 18, 1822. His father, George Rayburn, a farmer and native of the same State, was a son of an old Kentucky family who settled there in its early history. He was first married in Montgomery County to Miss White, who died a few years later without issue. After the death of his wife, George Rayburn went into Ripley Co., Ind., where he was again married to Susan Shafer, a native of Virginia, and daughter of farmer and old soldier of the Revolutionary War, having enlisted when only 16 years of sge. After marriage, Mr. Rayburn returned to Montgomery County, settling near Mt. Sterling (the county seat) and while residing there the subject of our memoir was born. When but an infant his parents again returned to Ripley Co., Ind., and located upon a farm where William R. was reared, educated and resided until his marriage. His parents died there some years after his marriage.

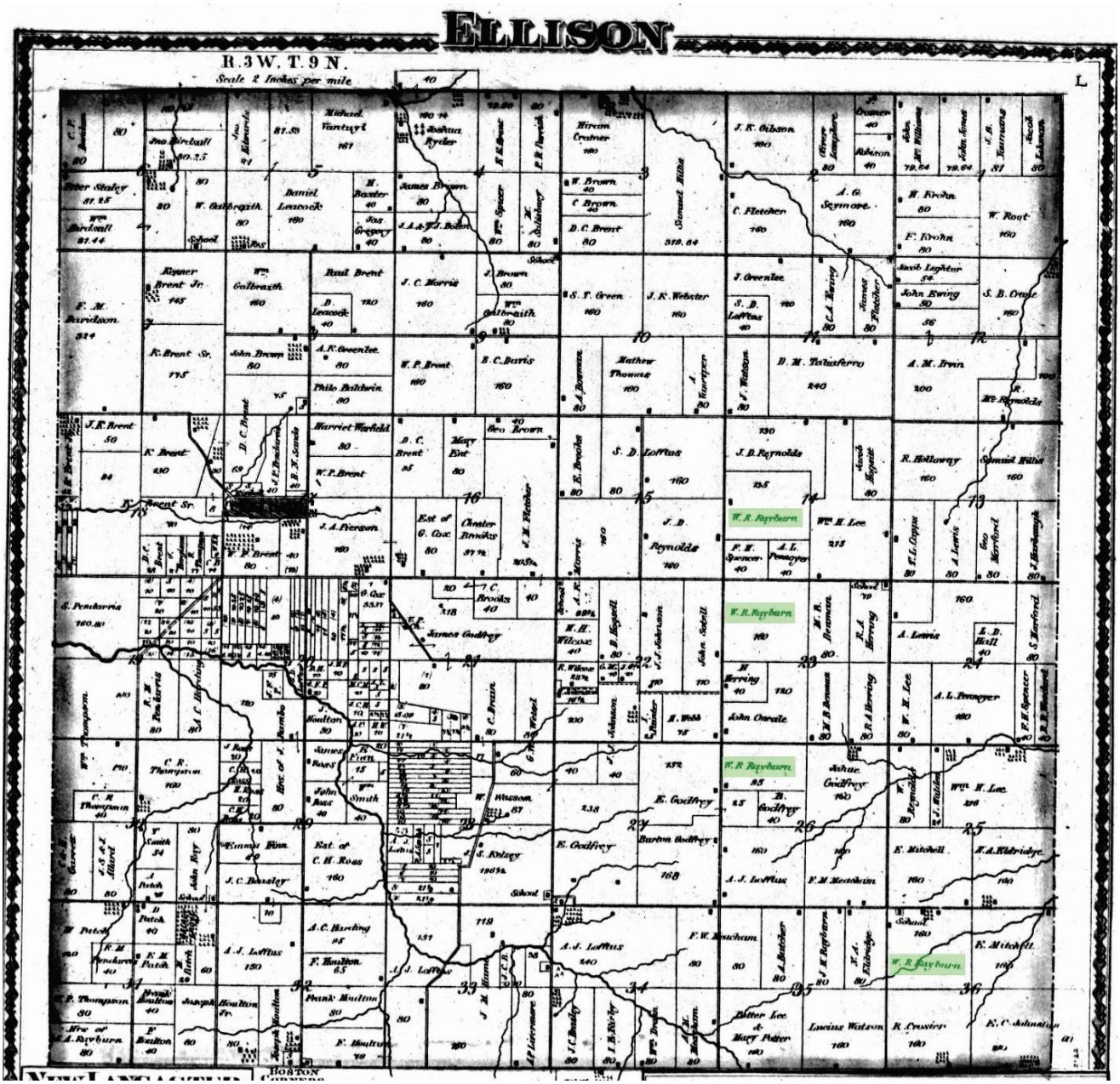
The date of the marriage of William R. Rayburn with Miss Sarah Roberts, daughter of John and Jane (Salyers) Roberts, natives of Kentucky, took place Nov. 17, 1854, in Jefferson Co., Ind., where her parents had moved some time previous. Her parents were very early settlers in Southern Indiana. Her father was a farmer by occupation and had procured Government land at an early date in that State. They both died there. Mrs. Rayburn remained at home until her marriage, receiving the advantages afforded by the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. R. are the parents of seven children, three of whom are deceased. The living are: George W, Frank S., John R. and Charles C.; Ida J., Willie and Eddie are deceased.

About 18 months after marriage, Mr. Rayburn came to Warren County, and the same year, April, 1855, purchased a tax title to 160 acres of unbroken land, on section 36, of Ellison Township. He had some friends here and was attracted by the rich prairies of Illinois, a sight of them convinced him that they were superior for farming purposes to the tender land of Indina. He located on his land, engaged in its improvement, and by laborious toil and economy has added thereto until he is at present the proprietor of 560 acres in Ellison Township, the major portion of which is under an advanced state of cultivation. His farm is one of the best in the township, and his residence, barn and outbuildings are substantial, as the view of the same, which appears in this work, fully demonstrates. Mr. R., in addition to his farm duties and the cultivation of his land, devotes considerable of his time to the raising of stock, and feeds a large number of cattle and hogs. His wife is an active member in the Baptist Church. Politically, Mr. Rayburn is a believer in and a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. Although a gentleman not seeking office he has held the position of Supervisor of his township for two years.

Excerpt from Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois: Containing Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County, Together with Portraits and Biographies of All the Governors of Illinois, and of the Presidents of the United States; Also Containing a History of the County, from its Earliest Settlement up to the Present Time, 1886. Chapman Brothers, Chicago, Illinois, Publisher. Page 309. (https://archive.org/details/portraitwarrenco00chic, accessed 19 Oct 2019).

Figure 13.5

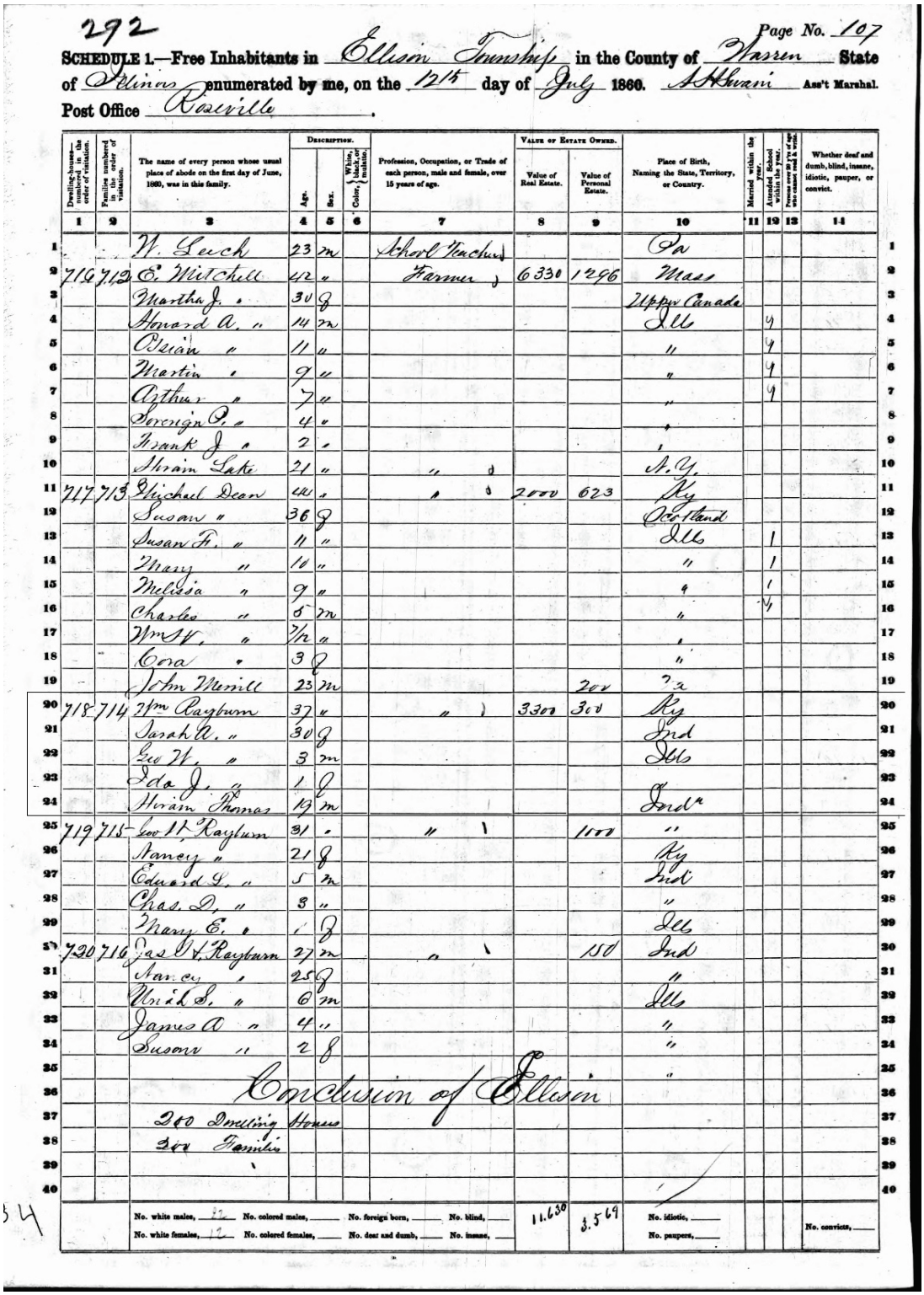
1872 Plat Map – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois



"U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918," *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1127/images/31617_072116-00765?pId=1773476 : accessed 20 Nov 2021), Illinois > Warren, 1872 > Image 21 of 74.

Figure 13.6

1860 United States Federal Census – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Ellison Township in the County of Warren State of Illinois enumerated by me, on the 12th day of July 1860. A. Hurin Ass't Marshal.

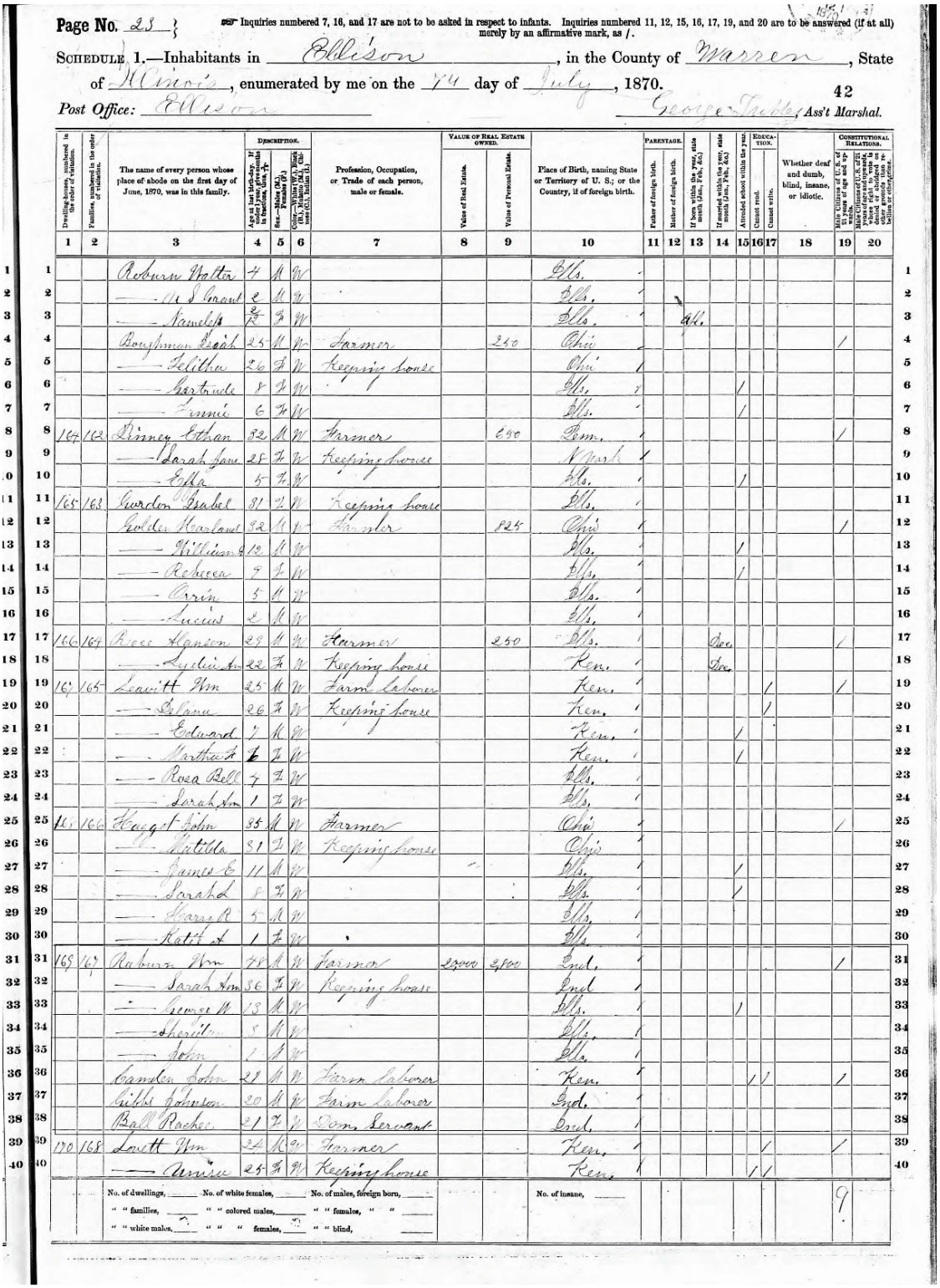
Post Office Roseville.

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		W. Leach	23	m		School Teacher			Pa				
709	712	E. Mitchell	42	"		Farmer	6330	1296	Mass				
		Martha J. "	30	f					Upper Canada				
		Howard A. "	14	m					Ills		y		
		Ossian "	11	"					"		y		
		Martin "	9	"					"		y		
		Arthur "	7	"					"		y		
		Foreign P. "	4	"					"				
		Frank J. "	2	"					"				
		Hiram Lake	21	"		"			N.Y.				
717	713	Michael Dean	41	"		"	2000	623	Ky				
		Susan "	36	f					Ohio Stand				
		Susan F. "	11	"					Ills		1		
		Mary "	10	"					"		1		
		Melissa "	9	"					"		1		
		Charles "	8	m					"		y		
		Wm H. "	7/12	"					"				
		Cora "	3	f					"				
		John Merrill	23	m				200	Pa				
718	714	Wm Rayburn	37	"		"	3300	300	Ky				
		Sarah A. "	30	f					Ind				
		Geo W. "	3	m					Ills				
		Ida J. "	1	f									
		Hiram Thomas	19	m					Ind				
719	715	Geo W. Rayburn	31	"		"		1000	"				
		Nancy "	21	f					Ky				
		Edward L. "	5	m					Ind				
		Chas. D. "	3	"					"				
		Mary E. "	1	f					Ills				
720	716	Jas D. Rayburn	27	m		"		150	Ind				
		Nancy "	25	f					"				
		Mirl S. "	6	m					Ills				
		James A "	4	"					"				
		Susan "	2	f					"				
									"				
		Conclusion of Ellison											
		200 Dwelling Houses											
		204 Families											
		No. white males, 92 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____					11.630	3.569	No. idiotic, ____				No. convicts, ____
		No. white females, 92 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____							No. paupers, ____				

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Figure 13.7

1870 United States Federal Census – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois



Page No. 23 — Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Ellison, in the County of Warren, State of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 14 day of July, 1870. 42

Post Office: Ellison — George Tibbey, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fractions.	Sex — Males (M.) Females (F.)	Color — White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or otherwise.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	1	Reburn Walter	4	M	W				Ills.										
2	2	— U S Grant	2	M	W				Ills.	/									
3	3	— Nameless	2/12	F	W				Ills.	/		Apl.							
4	4	Bonfman Isaak	25	M	W	Farmer		240	Ohio	/								/	
5	5	— Felitha	26	F	W	Keeping house			Ohio	/									
6	6	— Gertrude	8	F	W				Ills.	/						/			
7	7	— Fannie	6	F	W				Ills.	/						/			
8	8	164 162 Dinney Ethan	82	M	W	Farmer		650	Penn.	/								/	
9	9	— Sarah Jane	28	F	W	Keeping house			Mark	/									
10	10	— Ella	5	F	W				Ills.	/						/			
11	11	165 163 Gordon Rubel	81	M	W	Keeping house			Ills.	/									
12	12	Golden Harland	32	M	W	Farmer		825	Ohio	/								/	
13	13	— William	12	M	W				Ills.	/						/			
14	14	— Rebecca	9	F	W				Ills.	/						/			
15	15	— Orin	5	M	W				Ills.	/									
16	16	— Lucius	2	M	W				Ills.	/									
17	17	166 164 Reece Hanson	29	M	W	Farmer		250	Ills.	/			Dec.					/	
18	18	— Lydia Ann	22	F	W	Keeping house			Ken.	/			Dec.						
19	19	167 165 Leavitt Wm	25	M	W	Farm Laborer			Ken.	/						/		/	
20	20	— Selena	26	F	W	Keeping house			Ken.	/						/			
21	21	— Edward	7	M	W				Ken.	/				/					
22	22	— Martha A	6	F	W				Ken.	/				/					
23	23	— Rosa Bell	4	F	W				Ills.	/									
24	24	— Sarah Ann	1	F	W				Ills.	/									
25	25	168 166 Haegert John	35	M	W	Farmer			Ohio	/								/	
26	26	— Matilda	31	F	W	Keeping house			Ohio	/									
27	27	— James E	11	M	W				Ills.	/				/					
28	28	— Sarah L	8	F	W				Ills.	/				/					
29	29	— Harry R	5	M	W				Ills.	/									
30	30	— Katie A	1	F	W				Ills.	/									
31	31	169 167 Reburn Wm	48	M	W	Farmer	2500	2500	Ind.	/								/	
32	32	— Sarah Ann	36	F	W	Keeping house			Ind.	/									
33	33	— George W	13	M	W				Ills.	/				/					
34	34	— Sherill	8	M	W				Ills.	/									
35	35	— John	1	M	W				Ills.	/									
36	36	Camden John	29	M	W	Farm Laborer			Ken.	/					/	/		/	
37	37	Gibbs Johnson	20	M	W	Farm Laborer			Ind.	/									
38	38	Ball Rachel	21	F	W	Dom. Servant			Ind.	/									
39	39	170 168 Lovett Wm	24	M	W	Farmer			Ken.	/						/		/	
40	40	— Annie	25	F	W	Keeping house			Ken.	/					/	/			

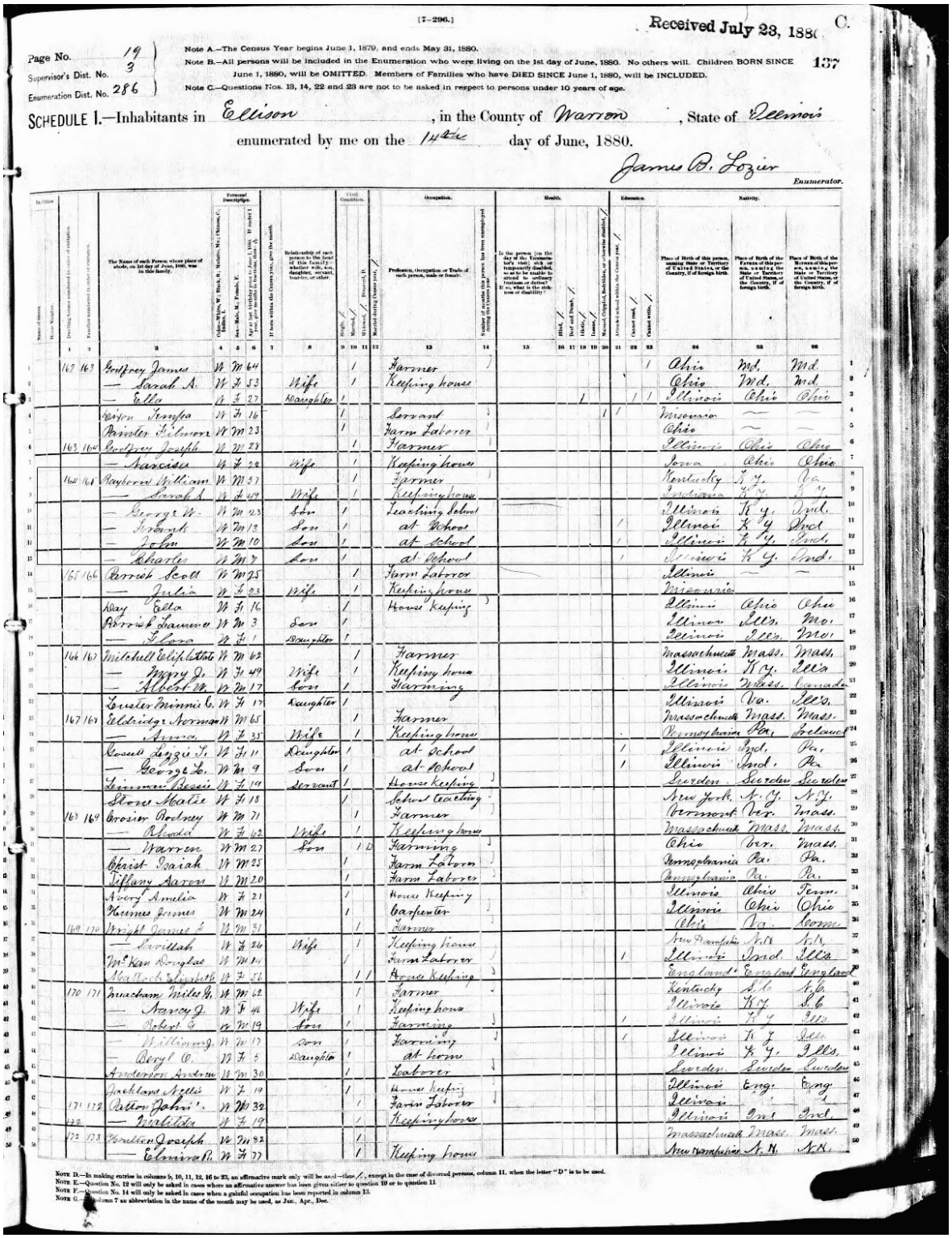
No. of dwellings, ____ No. of white females, ____ No. of males, foreign born, ____
" " families, ____ " " colored males, ____ " " females, " " ____
" " white males, ____ " " " females, ____ " " blind, ____

No. of insane, ____ — 9

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Figure 13.8

1880 United States Federal Census – Ellison Township, Warren County, Illinois



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Figure 13.9

Ida J. and Willie Rayburn Headstones



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/92589926/ida-j-rayburn : accessed 20 November 2021), memorial page for Ida J Rayburn (1859–1860), Find a Grave Memorial ID 92589926, citing Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, Warren County, Illinois, USA; Maintained by ddjohnsonri (contributor 47128881). Photo added 14 Jul 2013 by Roger Rayborn (contributor 47839987).



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/92589881/willie-rayburn : accessed 20 November 2021), memorial page for Willie Rayburn (1862–1864), Find a Grave Memorial ID 92589881, citing Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, Warren County, Illinois, USA; Maintained by ddjohnsonri (contributor 47128881). Photo added 14 Jul 2013 by Roger Rayborn (contributor 47839987).

Figure 13.10

Charles Clyde Rayburn Obituary

DR. C. C. RAYBURN DIES IN COLORADO

LONG BATTLE WITH TUBERCULOSIS PROVES FUTILE FOR WARREN COUNTY MAN.

END CAME SUDDENLY TODAY

Dreaded Disease Was Probably Result of Sickness While Serving For Uncle Sam in Spanish-American War.

The Spanish-American war was probably, indirectly the cause of another Warren county boy's death today, a telegram this morning from Colorado Springs telling of the death there at 3 o'clock of Dr. Charles C. Rayburn.

Dr. Rayburn served in the U. S. medical corps and was located at Tampa, Florida, during the historic struggle with Spain. He contracted typhoid fever and never seemed to be as strong again. Later tuberculosis developed and for the past five years he has been in Colorado with the hope that the climate would eventually cause a complete recovery.

During the past winter Mr. and Mrs. George Rayburn of Roseville have been living with him in Colorado Springs and it was not thought his condition was dangerous. Some weeks ago he had a sinking spell but only yesterday a brother, Frank Rayburn of Roseville, received a card saying that he had so far recovered as to be able to go down town on Saturday. Thus feeling that his condition was not alarming, the telegram of today telling of the sudden demise came as an unusual shock.

Born in Roseville.

Charles C. Rayburn was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn and was born in Roseville on Jan. 9, 1873. He graduated from the city schools and high school and then completed the course in the state university at Urbana. Deciding to study medicine he went to the University of Pennsylvania and after graduation came west to Kewanee and started to practice medicine. Several years were spent in that city when a breakdown in health made it necessary to go west to Colorado.

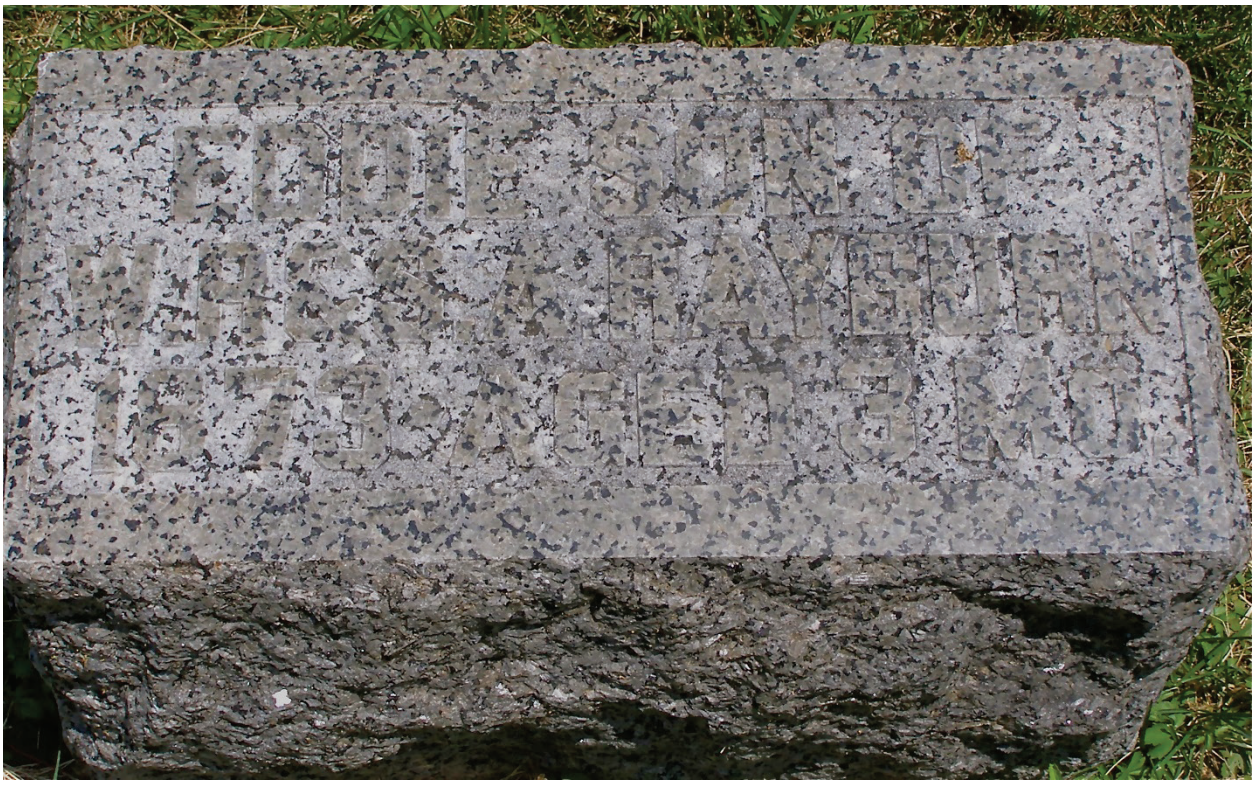
Mr. Rayburn was unmarried and is survived by three brothers, Frank George and Jack Rayburns of Roseville. He was a young man with a wide acquaintence in Monmouth as well as Roseville nad his death comes as a shock to scores of personal friends.

The remains will be brought to Roseville for interment. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Monmouth (IL) Daily Atlas, 19 Mar 1912, pg. 1 (newspaperarchive.com).

Figure 13.11

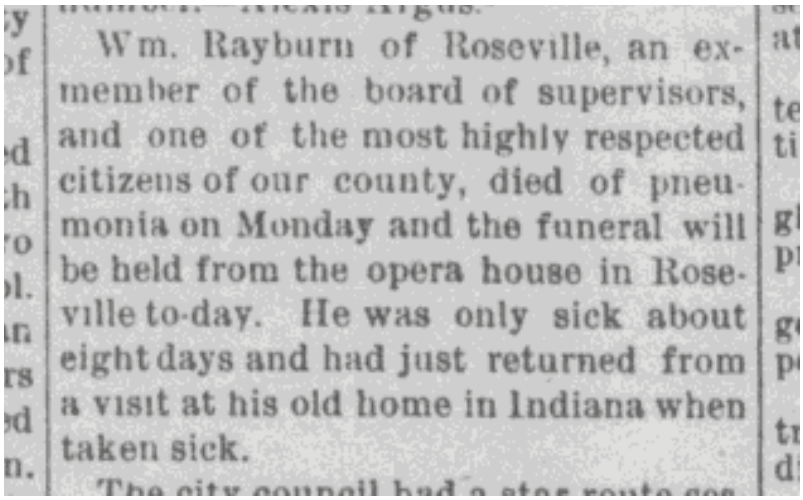
Eddie Rayburn Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/92589733/eddie-rayburn : accessed 20 November 2021), memorial page for Eddie Rayburn (1873–1873), Find a Grave Memorial ID 92589733, citing Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, Warren County, Illinois, USA; Maintained by ddjohnsonri (contributor 47128881). Photo added 14 Jul 2013 by Roger Rayborn (contributor 47839987).

Figure 13.12

William Rafe Rayburn Obituary

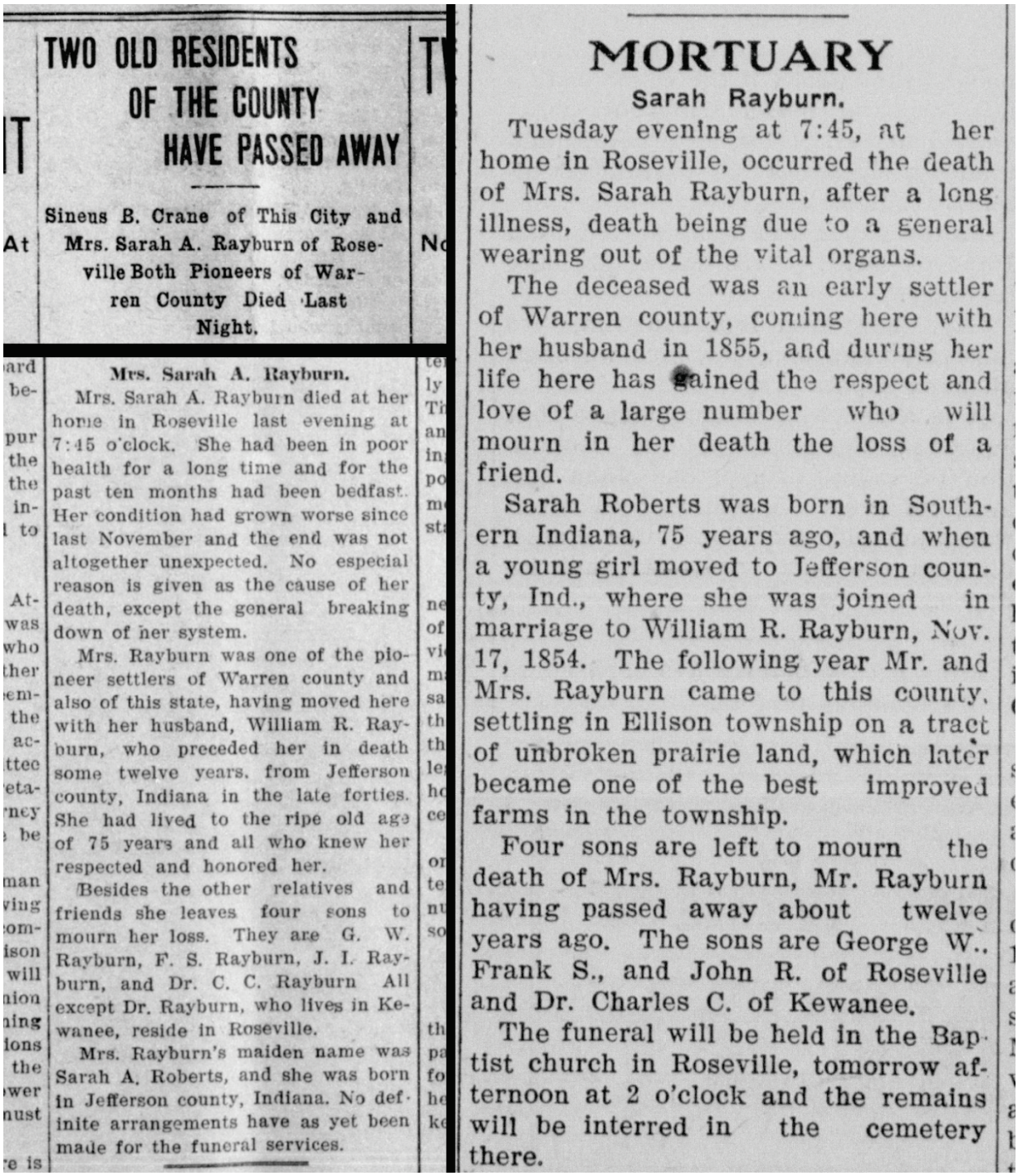


Wm. Rayburn of Roseville, an ex-member of the board of supervisors, and one of the most highly respected citizens of our county, died of pneumonia on Monday and the funeral will be held from the opera house in Roseville to-day. He was only sick about eight days and had just returned from a visit at his old home in Indiana when taken sick.

Warren County Democrat (Monmouth, IL) 26 Jan 1893, pg. 8 (newspaperarchive.com).

Figure 13.13

Sarah (Roberts) Rayburn[13] Obituaries



TWO OLD RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY HAVE PASSED AWAY

Sineus B. Crane of This City and Mrs. Sarah A. Rayburn of Roseville Both Pioneers of Warren County Died Last Night.

Mrs. Sarah A. Rayburn.

Mrs. Sarah A. Rayburn died at her home in Roseville last evening at 7:45 o'clock. She had been in poor health for a long time and for the past ten months had been bedfast. Her condition had grown worse since last November and the end was not altogether unexpected. No especial reason is given as the cause of her death, except the general breaking down of her system.

Mrs. Rayburn was one of the pioneer settlers of Warren county and also of this state, having moved here with her husband, William R. Rayburn, who preceded her in death some twelve years, from Jefferson county, Indiana in the late forties. She had lived to the ripe old age of 75 years and all who knew her respected and honored her.

Besides the other relatives and friends she leaves four sons to mourn her loss. They are G. W. Rayburn, F. S. Rayburn, J. I. Rayburn, and Dr. C. C. Rayburn All except Dr. Rayburn, who lives in Kewanee, reside in Roseville.

Mrs. Rayburn's maiden name was Sarah A. Roberts, and she was born in Jefferson county, Indiana. No definite arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral services.

MORTUARY

Sarah Rayburn.

Tuesday evening at 7:45, at her home in Roseville, occurred the death of Mrs. Sarah Rayburn, after a long illness, death being due to a general wearing out of the vital organs.

The deceased was an early settler of Warren county, coming here with her husband in 1855, and during her life here has gained the respect and love of a large number who will mourn in her death the loss of a friend.

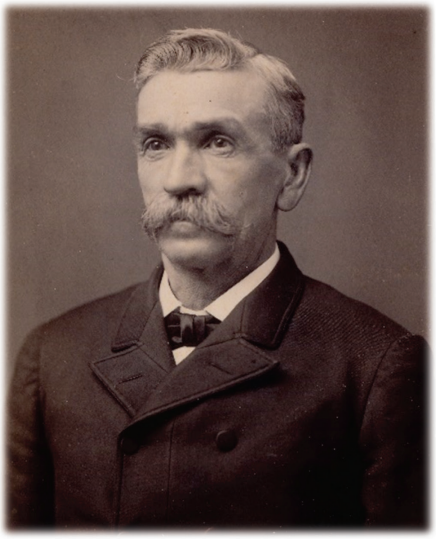
Sarah Roberts was born in Southern Indiana, 75 years ago, and when a young girl moved to Jefferson county, Ind., where she was joined in marriage to William R. Rayburn, Nov. 17, 1854. The following year Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn came to this county, settling in Ellison township on a tract of unbroken prairie land, which later became one of the best improved farms in the township.

Four sons are left to mourn the death of Mrs. Rayburn, Mr. Rayburn having passed away about twelve years ago. The sons are George W., Frank S., and John R. of Roseville and Dr. Charles C. of Kewanee.

The funeral will be held in the Baptist church in Roseville, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains will be interred in the cemetery there.

Monmouth (IL) Daily Atlas, 13 Sep 1905, pg. 1. | *Warren County (IL) Democrat*, 20 Sep 1905, pg. 3.
(both from newspaperarchive.com)

14. JOHN (b. 5 Dec 1832; d. 27 Jan 1922)



John Roberts, ca. 1880.
Photo from a family photo album and provided by a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified.

Birth: 5 Dec 1832 in Indiana, likely Switzerland County.

Marriage & children: 8 Mar 1857 to Elizabeth Ann Murrell in Warren County, Illinois (b. 1 Feb 1835 in Botetourt County, Virginia; d. 2 Feb 1917 in Jasper County, Iowa).

- William Edward Roberts
  - b. 9 Feb 1858 in Warren County, Illinois.
  - m. 20 Jan 1881 to Mary Margaret Maine in Jasper County, Iowa (b. Sep 1861 in Iowa; d. 1945).
  - d. 6 Jul 1935 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
- Jason Lee Roberts
  - b. 8 Dec 1859 in Warren County, Illinois.
  - m1. 22 Dec 1881 to Julia French in Mound Prairie, Jasper County, Iowa (b. 5 Dec 1863 in Illinois; d. 28 Nov 1917 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa).
  - m2. 25 Oct 1919 to Anna May Riley in Murray, Clarke County, Iowa (b. 1 Jun 1872 in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa; d. 2 Nov 1961 in Sioux Rapids, Buena Vista County, Iowa).
  - d. 26 May 1940 in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.
- George Anthony Roberts
  - b. 18 Nov 1861 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
  - m1. 16 Apr 1885 to Ella Viola Daniel in Jasper County, Iowa (b. 29 Oct 1866 in Warren County, Illinois; d. 17 Jan 1922 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa).
  - m2. 25 Oct 1925 to Lucy L. Cadwallader in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa (b. 4 Oct 1875 in Jasper County, Iowa; d. Jun 1970 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa).
  - d. 18 Apr 1939 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
- Mary Jane Roberts
  - b. 7 Nov 1863 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.
  - m1. 4 Jul 1879 to Reuben H. French in Jasper County, Iowa (b. 30 Nov 1856 in Knox County, Illinois; d. 27 Feb 1937 in Iowa).
  - m2. 18 Apr 1889 to Samuel H. Blount in Jasper County, Iowa (b. Mar 1864 in England; d. 29 Jun 1935).
  - d. 20 Dec 1947 in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.
- Wilbert John Roberts
  - b. _____.
  - d: 27 Jun 1878 in Jasper County, Iowa.

Death: 27 Jan 1922 in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.

John, the fourth child of John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts, was born 5 Dec 1832. While various records identify his place of birth as Jefferson County, Indiana, his birth was likely in Switzerland County since that is where his parents were living at the time. I have not found an 1830 census record that positively reflects the John S. Roberts[4] family; however, the one that most closely matches the known family members is in Switzerland County, Indiana. This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear to be in that, or subsequent, census records.[1,2]

- Male < 5 – 1 [Charles[12]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 [William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 [either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John[4]]
- Female < 5 – 1 [Sarah[13]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 [Unknown]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that John's father was engaged in agriculture.[3]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where John's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, his parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[4,5,6]

About May 1847, John's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. The 1850 census for Shelby Township, Jefferson County shows

[1] Figure 14.1. John and Elizabeth (Murrell) Roberts Headstone.
[2] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[3] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[5] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[6] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.

John's occupation as "Farmer," with no notation that he had attended school during the past year. He likely spent much of his teen years helping on the family farm.[7,8]

In 1855, when John was about 23 years old, he went to Warren County, Illinois to work as a farm hand. There, he met Elizabeth Ann Murrell, whose family came to Illinois from Botetourt County, Virginia. They were married on 8 Mar 1857 in Warren County, Illinois by Isaac L. Pratt, Justice of the Peace, and less than a year later, welcomed their first child, William Edward, on 9 Feb 1858.[9,10]



John & Elizabeth (Murrell) Roberts
From a photo album believed to have belonged to John's brother, Jeremiah[16]. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

The 1860 census shows John and his family living in Point Pleasant Township, Warren County, Illinois. John's occupation is listed as Farmer and the value of his personal estate is estimated at $650. Elizabeth's brother, John Henry Murrell, is living with the family, helping on the farm as a farm hand. Sometime prior to 1863, John's brother, Henry[18], joined him in Point Pleasant as they both were listed as subject to military duty during the Civil War. I have not been able to determine if John served in the War; however, since he was married with children by the time the War broke, it seems doubtful.[11,12]

In the fall of 1868, John and his family, along with Elizabeth's mother and father, removed to Iowa by covered wagon and settled on land he purchased seven miles northeast of Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa. The property is identified on an 1871 plat map as 120 acres situated in the SE/4 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of Section 23, T79N, R20W.[13,14,15]

The 1870 census for Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa shows John and his family residing on the farm, which is valued at $3,200. His personal property was valued at $465. John and Elizabeth had a young son, Wilbert John, who passed away in infancy on 27 Jun 1878 in Jasper County.[16,17]

The 1880 census shows John and the family continuing to reside on the Jasper County farm. By this time, sons Jason and George had reached an age they could help with the farm, and this is

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[7] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[8] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[9] See Figure 1.1. "Family History," by Orpha (Roberts) Blount.
[10] Figure 14.2. John Roberts[14] and Elizabeth Murrell Marriage Record.
[11] Figure 14.3. 1860 United States Federal Census – Point Pleasant, Warren County, Illinois.
[12] Figure 14.4. 1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Warren County, Illinois.
[13] Blount.
[14] Figure 14.5. 1871 Plat Map – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa.
[15] Figure 14.6. John Roberts[14] Jasper County, Iowa Property.
[16] Figure 14.7. 1870 United States Federal Census – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa.
[17] Blount.

likely what they were doing since their occupation is identified as "Farmer." The 1880 Agricultural Schedule provides a wealth of information about John's farm, and gives us a more detailed glimpse into the Roberts family life.[18,19]

> John farmed 120 acres of tilled farmland, valued at $2,400. Of the 120 acres, 19 acres were grassland. The value of farm implements was placed at $100, the value of his livestock was placed at $300 and the value of all farm production in 1879 was placed at $850. One milk cow was on hand, as were 19 head of swine and 14 head of poultry. The farm produced 100 lbs. of butter and 250 eggs in 1879. Indian corn was the main crop – 2,650 bushels from 53 acres in 1879. Wheat production in 1879 was 300 bushels from 30 acres, and oat production was 280 bushels from seven acres. The farm also produced two tons of hay in 1879 and John owned two horses.

The 1885 Iowa state census for Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, does not provide a great deal of new information about John and his family; however, unlike most census records, it does identify with more specificity where the family was living. Their residence is listed as SW/4 SE/4 of Sec 23, Township 79, Range 20. This is the 40-acre portion of John's property in Figure 14.6 in which the dwelling is located. Within this same 40-acre tract, but in separate dwellings, the census identifies John and Elizabeth's son, Jason Lee, and his family, as well as Elizabeth's parents, Wiley A. and Mary Murrell. This census also identified those individuals who were entitled to vote. Since women did not earn the right to vote until the 19th Amendment was ratified on 18 Aug 1920, only the Roberts men were noted as so entitled.[20]



John Roberts Family Home, Monroe, Iowa ca. 1892. Photo from a family photo album and provided by a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. See Figure 14.11 for identification.

According to John's obituary, in the spring of 1887, the family moved to the town of Monroe in Jasper County, Iowa. On 15 Oct 1893, a family reunion with most of John's living siblings was held at the home of his brother, Jeremiah[16], in Holton, Indiana. The attendees included Sarah[13]; John and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; Henry[18]; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles[12] was unable to attend. The following day, John and Elizabeth left for Missouri where they were expected to make a short visit

[18] Figure 14.8. 1880 United States Federal Census – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa.
[19] Figure 14.9. 1880 Agricultural Schedule – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa.
[20] Figure 14.10. 1885 Iowa State Census – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa.

before returning to their home in Monroe, Iowa. By 1895, John appears to have retired from farming. John and Elizabeth are both identified as Methodists in the 1895 Iowa state census.[21,22,23]

After having retired, John appears to have become active in politics. In Jun 1895, John was selected as a delegate to the Jasper County Republican Convention to select delegates to the state convention, which was to be held in Jul 1895. At the Convention, he was appointed to the Committee on Permanent Organization. In Nov 1895, he was appointed to a federal grand jury in Des Moines, Iowa for cases involving illegal liquor sales.[24,25]

The Presidential election of 1896 was a hotly contested campaign pitting the Republican ticket of William McKinley and Garret Hobart against the Democratic ticket of William Jennings Bryan and Arthur Sewall. The campaign took place in the midst of an economic depression known as the Panic of 1893. Democratic President Grover Cleveland did not seek reelection, leaving the field open for the nomination of the Bryan-Sewall ticket. In Jul 1896, John was one of the representatives for the town of Monroe at the Jasper County Republican Convention to ratify the McKinley-Hobart ticket and appoint the delegates to attend the Iowa State Republican Convention. Since delegates to conventions are typically prominent people in the community, I think we can deduce that John was one of those individuals. Apparently, then, as now, politics was a dirty business with lies, innuendo, and misleading comments being lodged against prominent people – sometimes from far-away places. John was not immune. In 1898, he and his sons were supporting William J. Miller, the Republican nominee for the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors. Rumors were circulating in Independence and/or Clear Creek Township, located about 20 miles north of Monroe, that John did not support Mr. Miller and would do all he could to thwart his election. This was apparently not true, but that did not prevent the rumors from flying in at least one location, far removed from Fairview Township, that had no bearing on the Township election![26,27,28]

Small newspapers of the era often ran stories about the daily lives of prominent people in the community, and Iowa newspapers were no exception. We find that John and Elizabeth held a family reunion on 3 Apr 1898 at their Monroe home. In attendance were their four children and spouses, and 15 grandchildren! It's from these local stories that we find John sold his Monroe, Iowa home in Feb 1899 for $1,150 and moved to Prairie City, Iowa. There, on 4 Apr 1899, John purchased Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3, Butters Addition for $1,500, where he proceeded to build a home. The home was completed in 1900 and today, the address of the home is 108 North Sherman Street, Prairie City,

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[21] Figure 14.12. 1895 Iowa State Census – Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa.
[22] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).
[23] See Figure 14.29. John Roberts[14] Obituary.
[24] Figure 14.13. Newspaper Clipping – John Roberts[14] Appointment to the Committee on Permanent Organization, Jasper County Republican Convention.
[25] Figure 14.14. Newspaper Clipping – John Roberts[14] Federal Grand Jury.
[26] *1896 United States Presidential Election*, Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1896_United_States_presidential_election : accessed 7 Mar 2021)
[27] Figure 14.15. Newspaper Clipping – John Roberts[14] Delegate, Jasper County Republican Convention.
[28] Figure 14.16. Newspaper Clippings – John Roberts[14] Political Hit-Job.

Iowa 50228. According to the 1900 census, John owned the Prairie City home mortgage-free.[29,30,31,32,33,34]



John Roberts Family Home, Prairie City, Iowa ca. 1904. Photo from a family photo album and provided by a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. See Figure 14.20 for identification.

It was in Prairie City that John and Elizabeth appear to have settled in to the quiet life of retirement. The 1905 and 1915 Iowa State census and the 1910 Federal census show John and Elizabeth remained in their home at least through 1915. With Elizabeth's death on 2 Feb 1917 of pneumonia, it seems this was a good time for John to have sold the home, as he is found in the 1920 census living with his eldest son and daughter-in-law, William Edward and Mary (Maine) Roberts.[35,36,37,38,39]

John passed away 27 Jan 1922 of "senile debility," with pneumonia as a contributory cause. Son George was the informant on his death certificate. His obituary notes that he had contracted a severe cold two weeks prior to his death, but was making a rapid recovery when he suddenly turned worse and passed away quickly. He was affectionately known on the street as "Grandpa Roberts" and was a man of sterling qualities – cheerful with a gentle dignity and kindness in his manner. He was a Christian man and served in various capacities in his church. He was a member of Preston Lodge #218 of the Ancient Free Masons. He is buried at the Waveland Cemetery in Prairie City, Iowa.[40,41,42]

Probate[43]

John died intestate. His estate quickly went into probate as son, William Edward, was appointed Administrator on 6 Feb 1922. Heirs were identified as W. E. Roberts of Prairie City, Iowa; J. L.

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[29] Figure 14.17. Newspaper Clipping – John Roberts[14] Family Reunion.
[30] Figure 14.18. Newspaper Clippings – John Roberts[14] Sale of Monroe, Iowa Home & Move to Prairie City, Iowa.
[31] Figure 14.19. John Roberts[14] Warranty Deed for Prairie City, Iowa Property
[32] Jasper County Assessor Property Report (https://jasper.iowaassessors.com/parcel.php?parcel=1601108004 : accessed 22 Nov 2021).
[33] Figure 14.21. John Roberts[14] Prairie City, Iowa Home.
[34] Figure 14.22. 1900 United States Federal Census – Prairie City, Des Moines Township, Jasper County, Iowa.
[35] Figure 14.23. Elizabeth (Murrell) Roberts Death Certificate.
[36] Figure 14.24. 1905 Iowa State Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
[37] Figure 14.25. 1910 United States Federal Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
[38] Figure 14.26. 1915 Iowa State Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
[39] Figure 14.27. 1920 United States Federal Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa.
[40] Figure 14.28. John Roberts[14] Death Certificate.
[41] Figure 14.29. John Roberts[14] Obituary.
[42] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/99632803/john-roberts : accessed 21 November 2021), memorial page for John Roberts (5 Dec 1832–27 Jan 1922), Find a Grave Memorial ID 99632803, citing Waveland Cemetery, Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, USA; Maintained by pmm (contributor 47022120).
[43] Appendix 14.1. Transcription of Probate Records.

Roberts of Newton, Iowa; G. A. Roberts of Prairie City, Iowa; and Mary J. Roberts Blount of Des Moines, Iowa.

John's real and personal property were not officially appraised until Jan 1923. His real property consisted of 240 acres of land in Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa, appraised at $40,000, and personal property, appraised at $3,270.99. It appears each of John's children received a portion of the 240 acres of land. William's final report on the administration of the estate, filed 10 Mar 1923, notes that all of the property in the estate had been "converted into cash or other forms available for distribution" and, after payment of all costs and claims, was distributed to John's heirs. Total cash in the estate was $3,284.16 and after payment of debts, each of John's children received a little over $441 in cash as their monetary inheritance.[44,45]

[44] Figure 14.30. John Roberts[14] Real Property at Death & Distribution to Heirs. *Report of Inheritance Tax Appraisers* filed 26 Jan 1923 (Appendix 14.1: Probate Record Book 38, Page 100).
[45] Figure 14.31. 1930 Plat Map – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa.

Figure 14.1

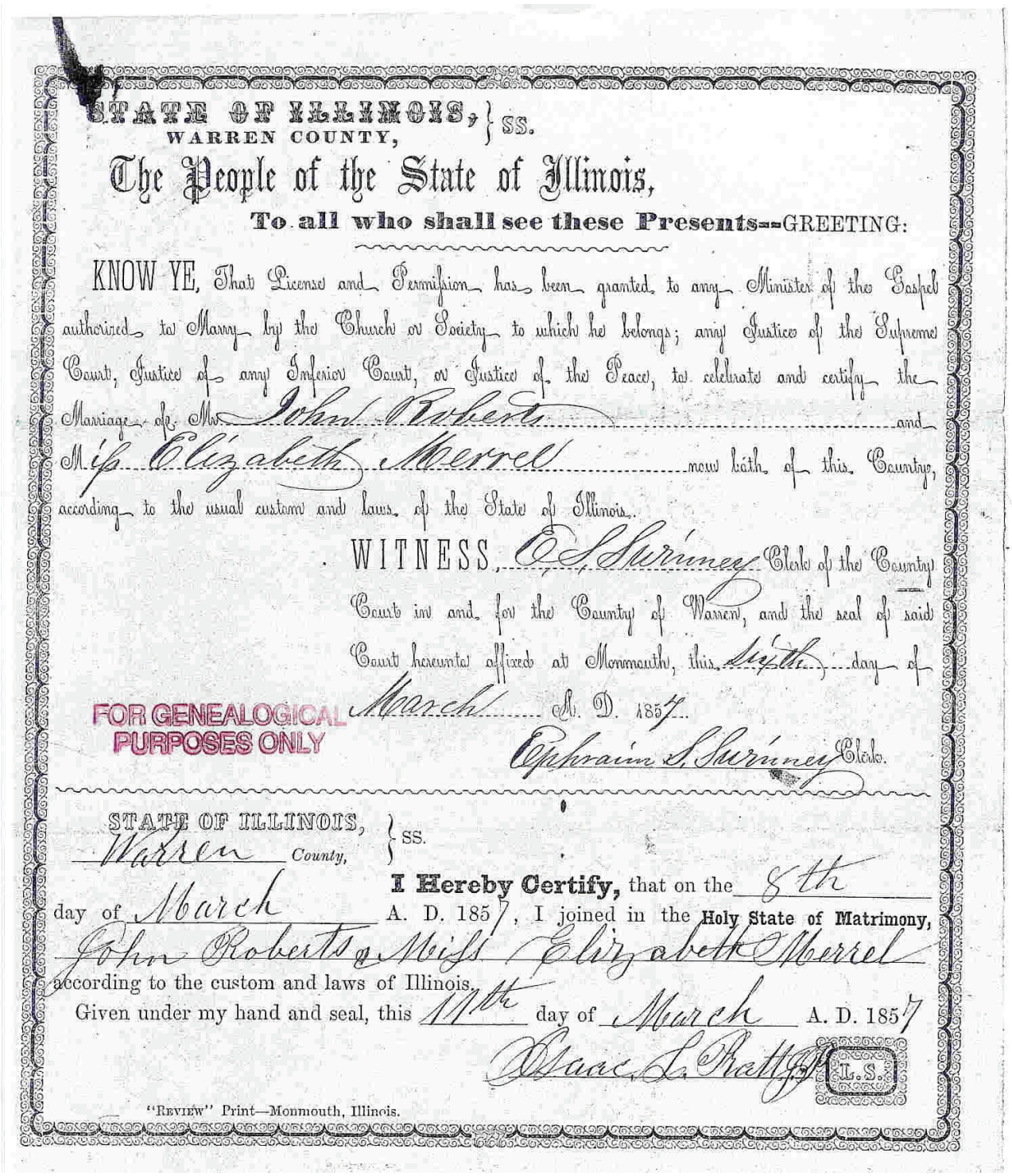
John[14] and Elizabeth (Murrell) Roberts Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/99632803/john-roberts : accessed 21 November 2021), memorial page for John Roberts (5 Dec 1832–27 Jan 1922), Find a Grave Memorial ID 99632803, citing Waveland Cemetery, Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa, USA; Maintained by pmm (contributor 47022120). Photo added 12 Mar 2013 by Angie Clark (contributor 47327597).

Figure 14.2

John Roberts[14] and Elizabeth Murrell Marriage Record



STATE OF ILLINOIS, } SS.
WARREN COUNTY,

The People of the State of Illinois,

To all who shall see these Presents--GREETING:

KNOW YE, That License and Permission has been granted to any Minister of the Gospel authorized to Marry by the Church or Society to which he belongs; any Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of any Inferior Court, or Justice of the Peace, to celebrate and certify the Marriage of Mr. John Roberts and Miss Elizabeth Merrel now both of this County, according to the usual custom and laws of the State of Illinois.

WITNESS, E. S. Surriney Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Warren, and the seal of said Court hereunto affixed at Monmouth, this Sixth day of March A. D. 1857.

Ephraim S. Surriney Clerk.

FOR GENEALOGICAL PURPOSES ONLY

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } SS.
Warren County,

I Hereby Certify, that on the 8th day of March A. D. 1857, I joined in the **Holy State of Matrimony,** John Roberts & Miss Elizabeth Merrel according to the custom and laws of Illinois.

Given under my hand and seal, this 11th day of March A. D. 1857

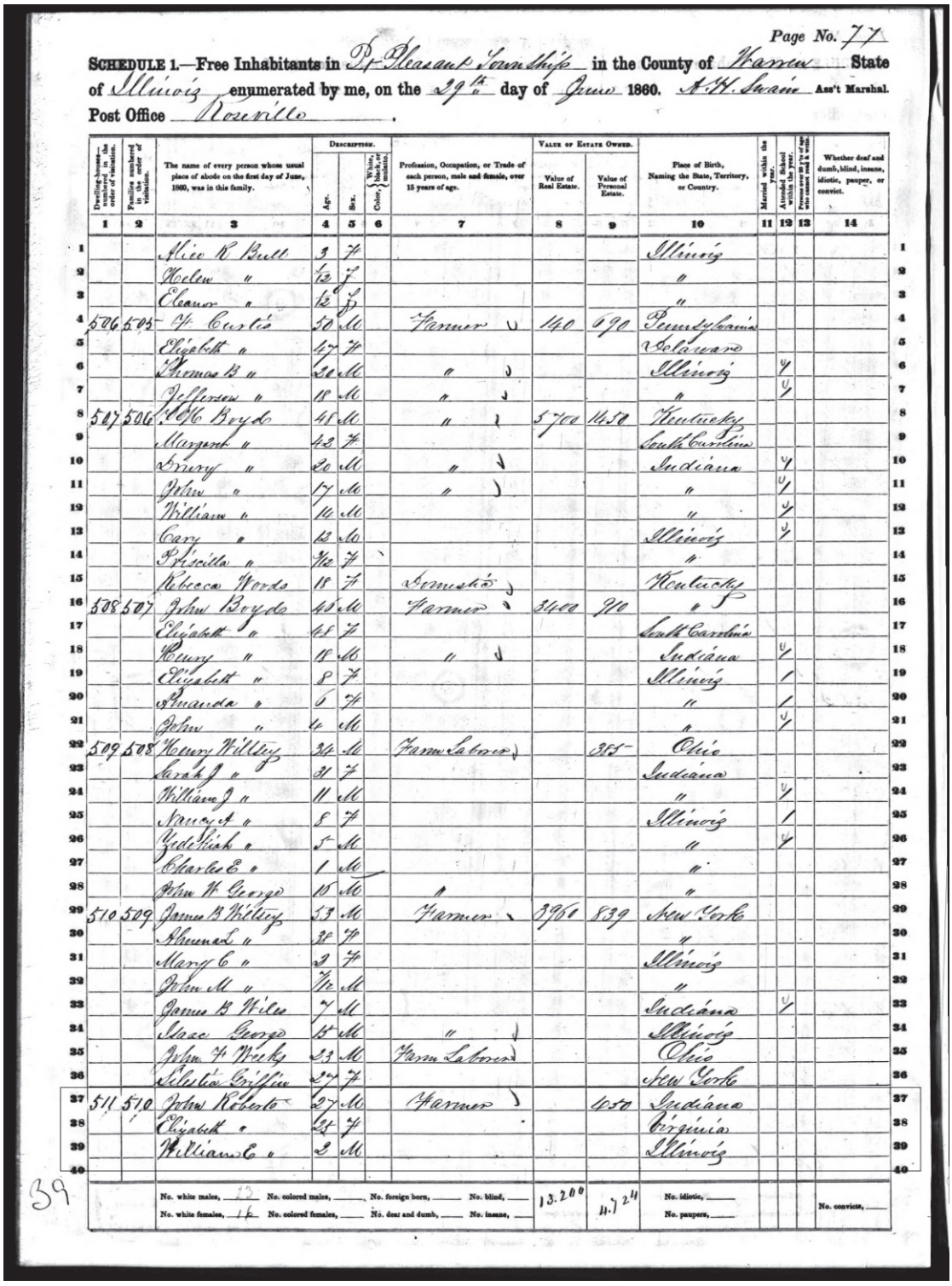
Isaac L. Ratliff J.P. L.S.

"Review" Print—Monmouth, Illinois.

"John and Elizabeth Roberts marriage certificate," *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/83705163/person/36495373116/media/4d5d63c2-6948-424b-b95b-0ecb4f2c7ffb?_phsrc=mie1415023&usePUBJs=true ; accessed 21 Nov 2021). Originally shared by Ancestry.com user chills711 on 7 Mar 2012. Per message from Ancestry.com user Jez1horse, record can be found at the County Court Records, Film #1377920-1377922.

Figure 14.3 (2 pages)

1860 United States Federal Census – Point Pleasant, Warren County, Illinois



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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Pt Pleasant Township in the County of Warren State of Illinois enumerated by me, on the 29th day of June 1860. A.H. Swain Ass't Marshal.
Post Office Rozville.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, Black, or Mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 Yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1		Alice R Bull	3	F					Illinois				
2		Helen "	12	F					"				
3		Eleanor "	12	F					"				
4	506 505	C. Curtis	50	M		Farmer	140	690	Pennsylvania				
5		Elizabeth "	47	F					Delaware				
6		Thomas B "	20	M		"			Illinois		Y		
7		Jefferson "	18	M		"			"		Y		
8	507 506	Wm Boyds	48	M		"	5700	1450	Kentucky				
9		Margaret "	42	F					South Carolina				
10		Henry "	20	M		"			Indiana		Y		
11		John "	17	M		"			"		Y		
12		William "	16	M					"		Y		
13		Cary "	13	Mo					Illinois		Y		
14		Priscilla "	7/12	F					"				
15		Rebecca Woods	18	F		Domestic			Kentucky				
16	508 507	John Boyds	45	M		Farmer	3400	910	"	S			
17		Elizabeth "	41	F					South Carolina				
18		Henry "	18	M		"			Indiana		Y		
19		Elizabeth "	8	F					Illinois				
20		Amanda "	6	F					"				
21		John "	4	M					"				
22	509 508	Henry Willey	34	M		Farm Laborer		355	Ohio				
23		Sarah J "	31	F					Indiana				
24		William J "	11	M					"		Y		
25		Nancy A "	8	F					Illinois				
26		Goldrick "	5	M					"		Y		
27		Charles E "	1	M					"				
28		John W George	15	M		"			"				
29	510 509	James B Wiles	33	M		Farmer	3960	839	New York				
30		Rhuma L "	30	F					"				
31		Mary C "	2	F					Illinois				
32		John M "	7/12	M					"				
33		James B Wiles	7	M					Indiana		Y		
34		Isaac George	15	M		"			Illinois				
35		John F Wiley	33	M		Farm Laborer			Ohio				
36		Celesta Griffin	27	F					New York				
37	511 510	John Roberts	27	M		Farmer		450	Indiana				
38		Elizabeth "	24	F					Virginia				
39		William E "	2	M					Illinois				
40													
39		No. white males, 13 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____ No. white females, 14 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____					13.200	11.724	No. idiotic, ____ No. paupers, ____				No. convicts, ____

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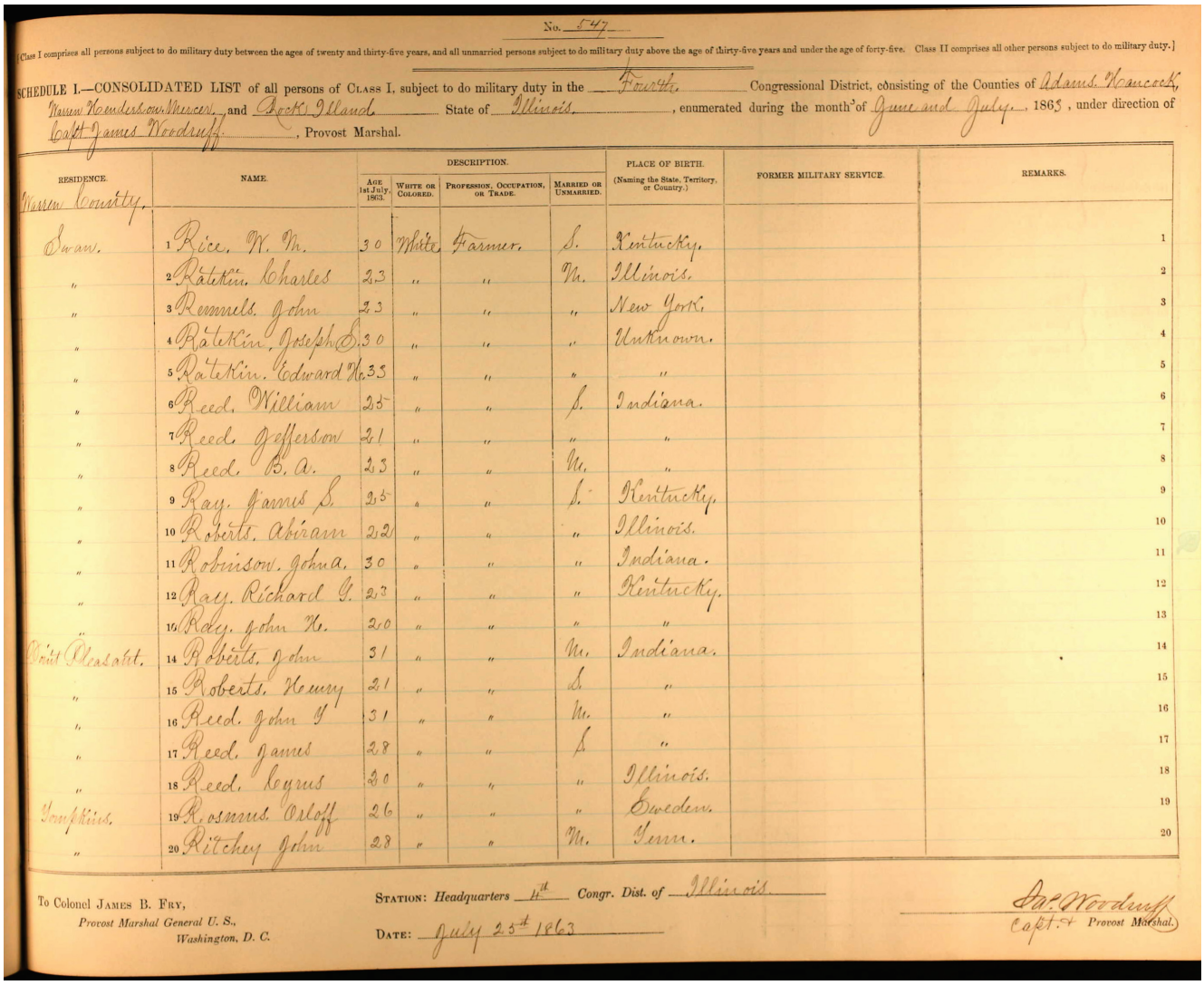
SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Pt Pleasant Township **in the County of** Warren **State of** Illinois **enumerated by me, on the** 29th **day of** June **1860.** A G Swain **Ass't Marshal.**

Post Office Roseville.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1		James L Roberts	22	M					Illinois				
2		John H Merrill	23	M		Farm Laborer			Virginia				
3	572	571 Stephen Dixson	45	M		Farmer	10000	1700	Ohio				
4		Amanda "	35	F					Kentucky				
5		Eli "	8	M					Indiana		Y		
6		Margaret "	4	F					"		I		
7		Elizabeth "	2	F					"				
8		Alfred Bull	17	M		Farm Laborer			"		Y		
9		Horatio Bull	22	M		"			Ohio		Y		Deaf Mute
10		Charles Mabry	33	M		"			Pennsylvania				
11	573	572 James Jones	45	M		Farmer		1183	Ohio				
12		Mary "	35	F					"				
13		Thomas "	15	M		"			"				
14		Elijah "	11	M					"		Y		
15		Riley "	12	M					"		Y		
16		Sarah F "	18	F					"				
17	574	573 Samuel Jones	30	M		Farm Laborer		150	"			I	
18		Hesterett "	18	F					"				
19		Mary "	1	F					Illinois				
20													
21													
22		Census Division of Point Pleasant											
23													
24													
25													

Figure 14.4

1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Warren County, Illinois



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[Class I comprises all persons subject to do military duty between the ages of twenty and thirty-five years, and all unmarried persons subject to do military duty above the age of thirty-five years and under the age of forty-five. Class II comprises all other persons subject to do military duty.]

SCHEDULE I.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of Class I, subject to do military duty in the Fourth Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Adams, Hancock, Warren, Henderson, Mercer, and Rock Island, State of Illinois, enumerated during the month of June and July, 1863, under direction of Capt James Woodruff, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE.		NAME.	DESCRIPTION. Age 1st July, 1863.	White or Colored.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade.	Married or Unmarried.	PLACE OF BIRTH. (Naming the State, Territory, or Country.)	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE.	REMARKS.	
Warren County.										
Swan.	1	Rice. W. M.	30	White	Farmer.	S.	Kentucky.			1
"	2	Ratekin. Charles	23	"	"	M.	Illinois.			2
"	3	Remmels. John	23	"	"	"	New York.			3
"	4	Ratekin. Joseph S.	30	"	"	"	Unknown.			4
"	5	Ratekin. Edward H.	35	"	"	"	"			5
"	6	Reed. William	25	"	"	S.	Indiana.			6
"	7	Reed. Jefferson	21	"	"	"	"			7
"	8	Reed. B. A.	23	"	"	M.	"			8
"	9	Ray. James S.	35	"	"	S.	Kentucky.			9
"	10	Roberts. Abiram	22	"	"	"	Illinois.			10
"	11	Robinson. Johna.	30	"	"	"	Indiana.			11
"	12	Ray. Richard G.	23	"	"	"	Kentucky.			12
"	13	Ray. John K.	20	"	"	"	"			13
Dist Pleasant.	14	Roberts. John	31	"	"	M.	Indiana.			14
"	15	Roberts. Henry	21	"	"	S.	"			15
"	16	Reed. John Y	31	"	"	M.	"			16
"	17	Reed. James	28	"	"	S	"			17
"	18	Reed. Cyrus	20	"	"	"	Illinois.			18
Tompkins.	19	Rosmus. Orloff	26	"	"	"	Sweden.			19
"	20	Ritchey John	28	"	"	M.	Penn.			20

To Colonel James B. Fry,
Provost Marshal General U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Station: Headquarters 4th Congr. Dist. of Illinois.

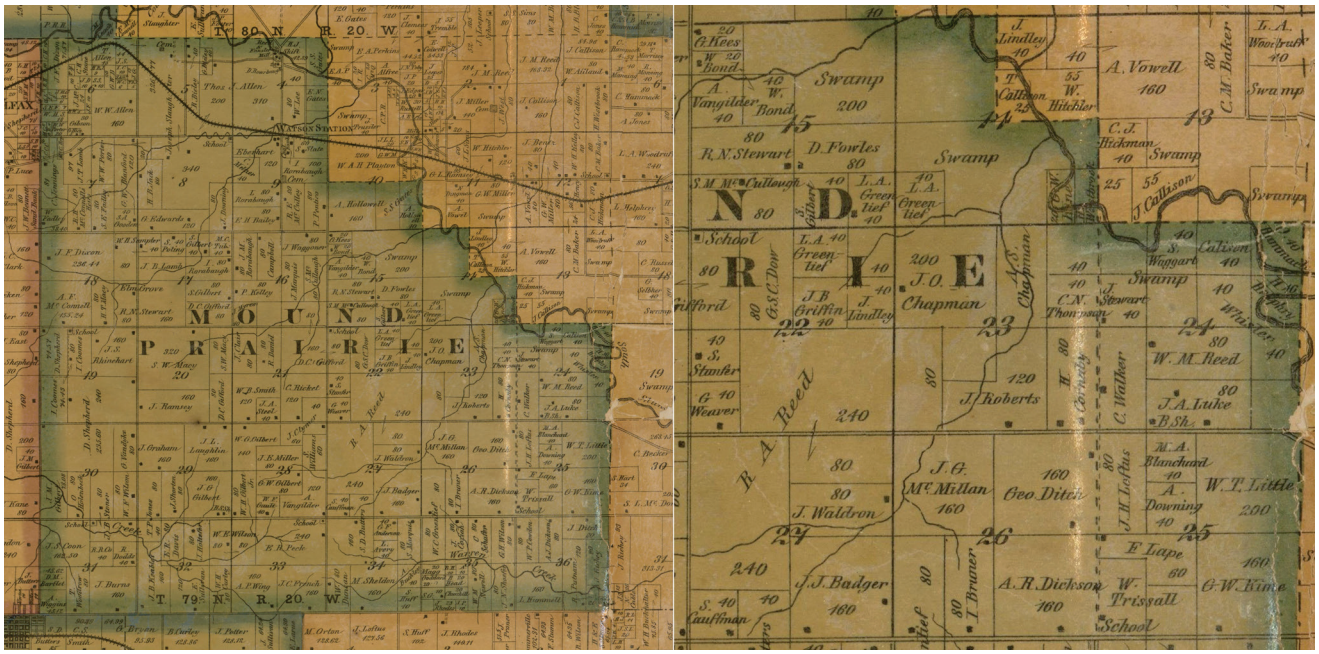
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Jas. Woodruff
Capt. & Provost Marshal.

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Figure 14.5

1871 Plat Map – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa



Excerpts from Warner, G. E. & Worley & Bracher. (1871) *Map of Jasper County, Iowa.* Fairfield, Iowa: Harrison & Warner. [Map] Retrieved from the Library of Congress, https://www.loc.gov/item/2012587551/. Accessed 22 Nov 2021.

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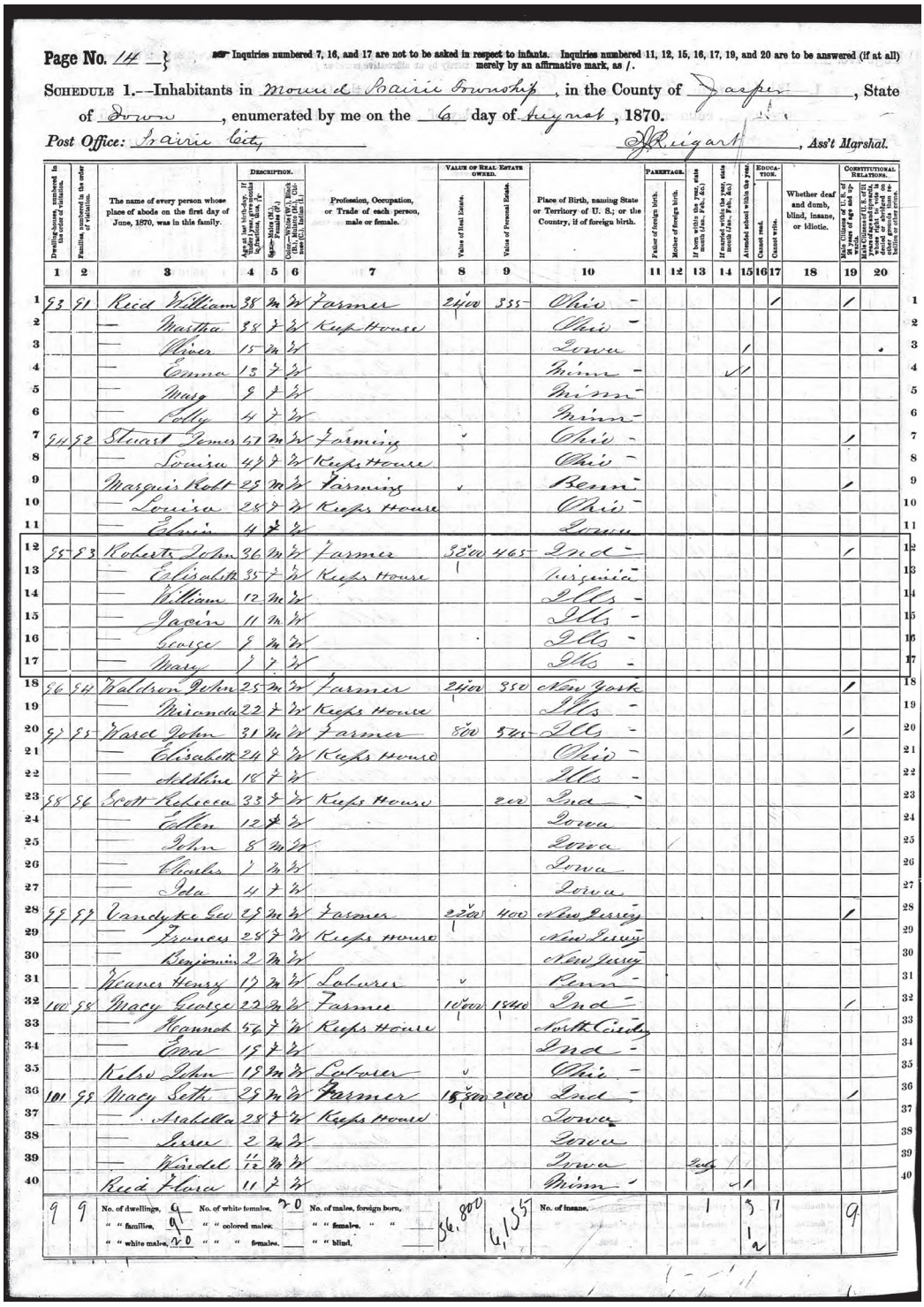
John Roberts[14] Jasper County, Iowa Property



John Roberts real property holdings as identified in *Map of Jasper County, Iowa* by G. E. Warner, 1871. SE/4 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of Sec 23, T79N, R20W, Jasper County, Iowa. Image downloaded 5 Mar 2021. GPS of house: 41.631503, -93.143420. © 2021 Google.

Figure 14.7

1870 United States Federal Census – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa



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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Mound Prairie Township, in the County of Jasper, State of Iowa, enumerated by me on the 6 day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Prairie City

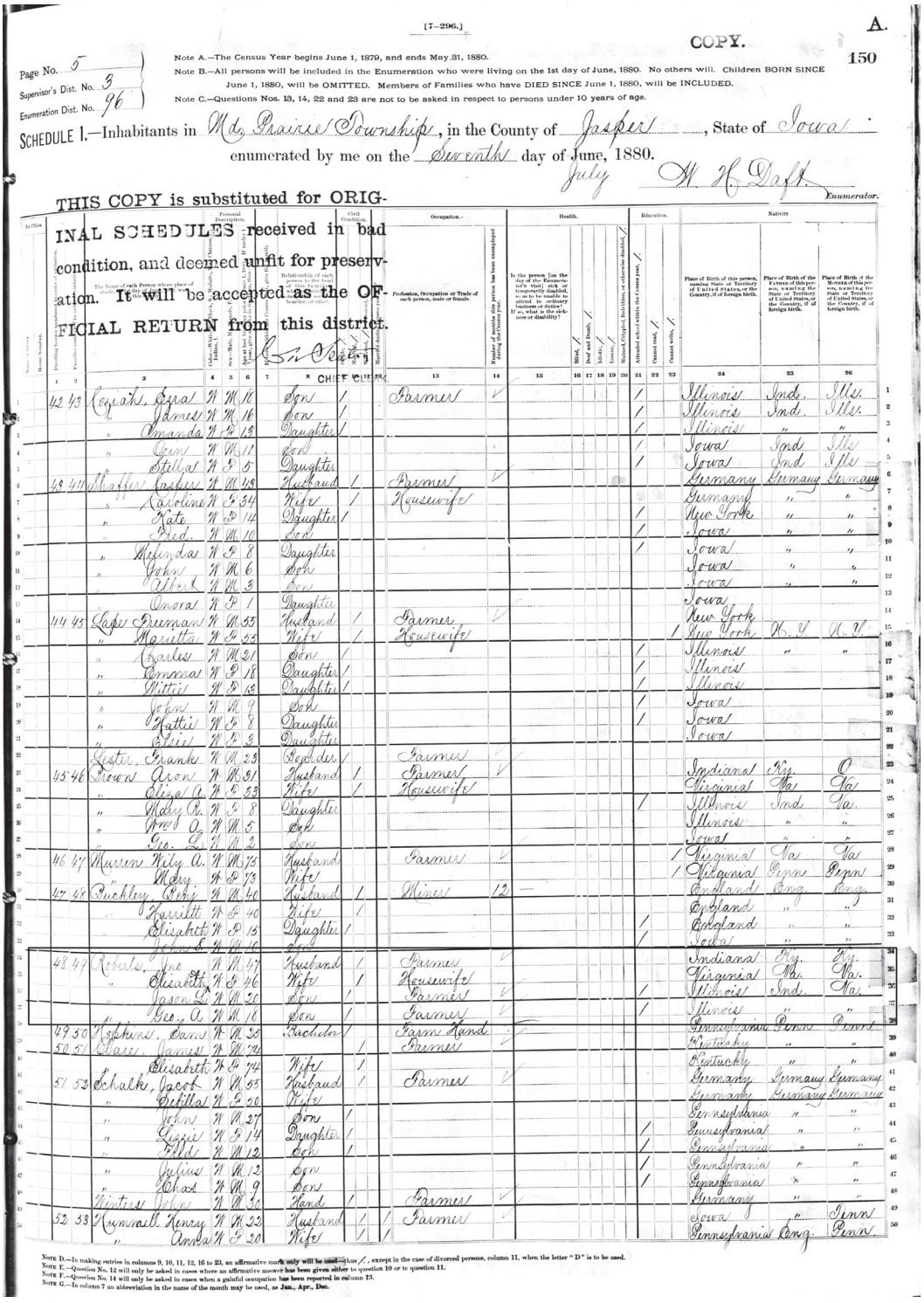
J. R. Rigart, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months.	Description: Sex—Males (M.), Females (F.)	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month. If a child, state months when born.	If married within the year, state month. If a child, state months when born.	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of 21 years of age and upwards.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
93	91	Reid William	38	M	W	Farmer	2400	335	Ohio							/		/	
		— Martha	38	F	W	Keep House			Ohio										
		— River	15	M	W				Iowa					/					
		— Emma	13	F	W				Minn					/					
		— Mary	9	F	W				Minn										
		— Polly	4	F	W				Minn										
94	92	Stuart James	67	M	W	Farming			Ohio									/	
		— Louisa	49	F	W	Keeps House			Ohio										
		Margaret Kelt	23	M	W	Farming			Penn									/	
		— Louisa	28	F	W	Keeps House			Ohio										
		— Edwin	4	M	W				Iowa										
95	93	Roberts John	36	M	W	Farmer	3200	465	Ind									/	
		— Elisabeth	35	F	W	Keeps House			Virginia										
		— William	12	M	W				Ills										
		— Jason	11	M	W				Ills										
		— George	9	M	W				Ills										
		— Mary	7	F	W				Ills										
96	94	Waldron John	25	M	W	Farmer	2400	350	New York									/	
		— Miranda	22	F	W	Keeps House			Ills										
97	95	Ward John	31	M	W	Farmer	800	320	Ills									/	
		— Elizabeth	24	F	W	Keeps House			Ohio										
		— Adeline	18	F	W				Ills										
98	96	Scott Rebecca	33	F	W	Keeps House		200	Ind										
		— Ellen	12	F	W				Iowa										
		— John	8	M	W				Iowa		/								
		— Charles	7	M	W				Iowa										
		— Ida	4	F	W				Iowa										
99	97	Vandyke Geo	29	M	W	Farmer	2200	400	New Jersey									/	
		— Frances	28	F	W	Keeps House			New Jersey										
		— Benjamin	2	M	W				New Jersey										
		Weaver Henry	17	M	W	Laborer			Penn										
100	98	Macy George	22	M	W	Farmer	1600	1540	Ind									/	
		— Hannah	56	F	W	Keeps House			North Carolina										
		— Ora	19	F	W				Ind										
		Kelso John	19	M	W	Laborer			Ohio										
101	99	Macy Seth	29	M	W	Farmer	1800	2000	Ind									/	
		— Arabella	28	F	W	Keeps House			Iowa										
		— Isaac	2	M	W				Iowa										
		— Wendel	1/12	M	W				Iowa			July							
		Reid Flora	11	F	W				Minn					/					
9	9	No. of dwellings, 9 — No. of families, 9 — No. of white males, 20 — No. of white males, 20 — No. of white females, — No. of colored males, — No. of colored females, — No. of blind,					56,800	6,155	No. of males, foreign born, — No. of females, " "			1		3 1/2	1		9	

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Figure 14.8

1880 United States Federal Census – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa



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Supervisor's Dist. No. 3
Enumeration Dist. No. 96

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Mound Prairie Township, in the County of Jasper, State of Iowa, enumerated by me on the Seventh day of June, 1880.

July

W. H. Dalk. Enumerator.

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Supervisor.

CHIEF CLERK.

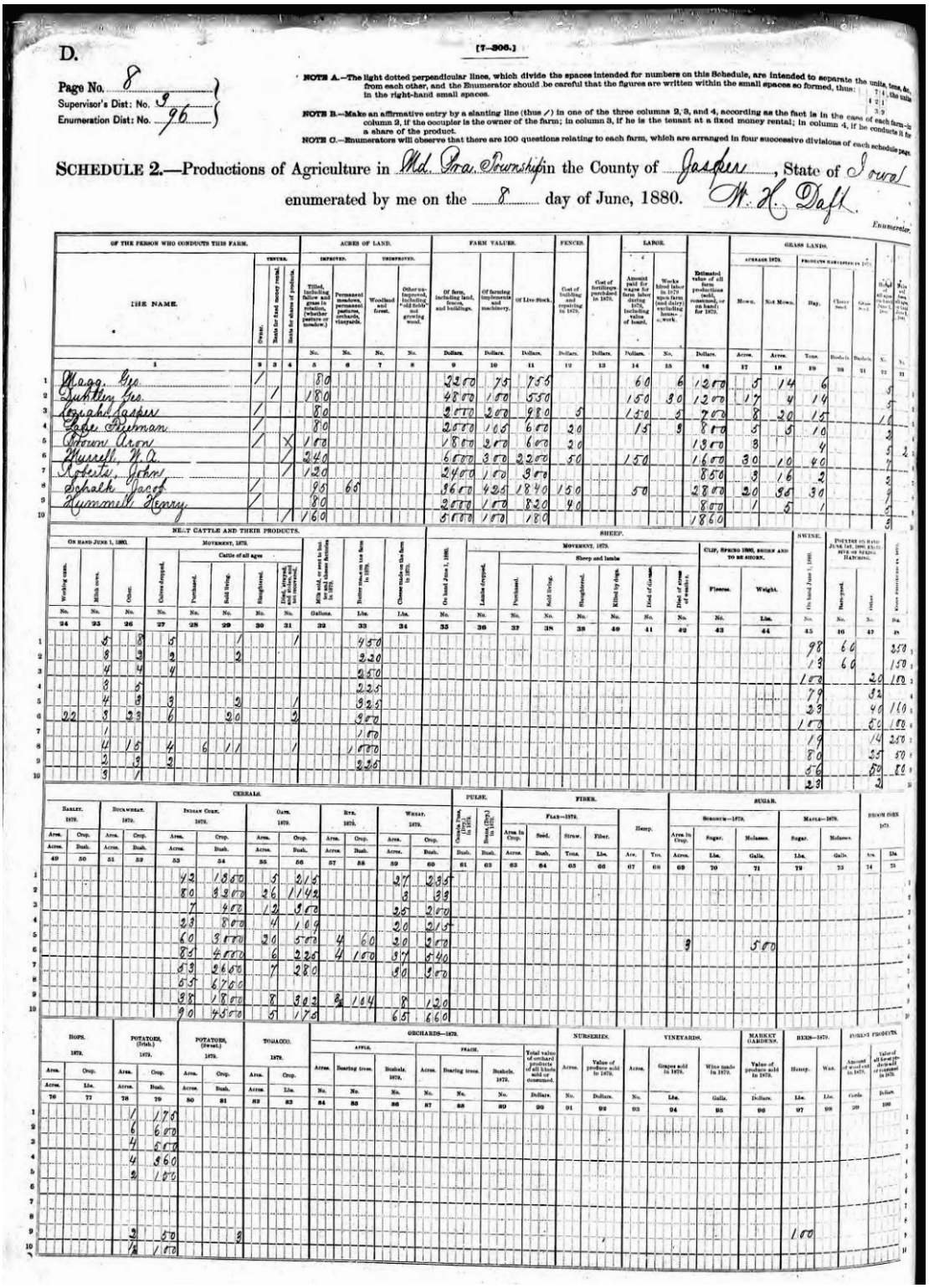
In Office	Dwelling-Houses Numbered in order of visitation	Families numbered in order of visitation	The Name of each Person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, Black, Mulatto, Quadroon, Chinese, Indian, &c.	Sex—Male, Female	Age last birthday prior to June 1, 1880.	Civil Condition. Married during the Census year.	Civil Condition. Widowed, Divorced, or Married during the Census year.	Occupation.—Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to labor or attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Health. Blind.	Health. Deaf and Dumb.	Health. Idiotic.	Health. Insane.	Health. Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Education. Cannot read.	Education. Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity. Place of Birth of the parents of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity. Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	
1	2		3		4	5	6	7	8	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	42	43	Coziah, Ezra		W	M	16			Farmer								/			Illinois	Ind.	Ills.	1
			" James		W	M	16											/			Illinois	Ind.	Ills.	2
			" Amanda		W	F	13											/			Illinois	"	"	3
			" Cyn		W	M	11											/			Iowa	Ind.	Ills	4
			" Stellar		W	F	5											/			Iowa	Ind.	Ills	5
	43	44	Shaffer, Jasper		W	M	29			Farmer											Germany	Germany	Germany	6
			" Caroline		W	F	34			Housewife											Germany	"	"	7
			" Kate		W	F	14											/			New York	"	"	8
			" Fred.		W	M	10											/			Iowa	"	"	9
			" Melinda		W	F	8											/			Iowa	"	"	10
			" John		W	M	6														Iowa	"	"	11
			" Albert		W	M	3														Iowa	"	"	12
			" Anora		W	F	1														Iowa			13
	44	45	Lafer, Freeman		W	M	55			Farmer											New York			14
			" Marietta		W	F	53			Housewife										/	New York	N. Y.	N. Y.	15
			" Charles		W	M	21											/			Illinois	"	"	16
			" Emma		W	F	18											/			Illinois			17
			" Mittie		W	F	16											/			Illinois			18
			" John		W	M	9											/			Iowa			19
			" Hattie		W	F	8											/			Iowa			20
			" Elsie		W	F	3														Iowa			21
			Lester, Frank		W	M	23			Dry Goods Clerk											Indiana	Ky.	O.	22
	45	46	Brown, Aron		W	M	61			Farmer											Virginia	Va.	Va.	23
			" Eliza A.		W	F	53			Housewife											Virginia	Va.	Va.	24
			" Mary A.		W	F	8											/			Illinois	Ind.	Va.	25
			" Wm A.		W	M	5														Illinois	"	"	26
			" Geo. A.		W	M	3														Iowa	"	"	27
	46	47	Murrin, Wiley A.		W	M	73			Farmer								/			Virginia	Va.	Va.	28
			" Mary		W	F	73											/			Virginia	Penn	Penn	29
	47	48	Buckley, Orby		W	M	46			Miner	12										England	Eng.	Eng.	30
			" Harriett		W	F	40														England	"	"	31
			" Elizabeth		W	F	13											/			England	"	"	32
			" John E.		W	M	10											/			Iowa	"	"	33
	48	49	Roberts, Jno		W	M	47			Farmer											Indiana	Ky.	Ky.	34
			" Elisabeth		W	F	46			Housewife											Virginia	Va.	Va.	35
			" Jason L.		W	M	20			Farmer								/			Illinois	Ind.	Va.	36
			" Geo. A.		W	M	16			Farmer								/			Illinois	"	"	37
	49	50	Hopkins, Sam		W	M	35			Rented Farm Land											Pennsylvania	Penn.	Penn.	38
	50	51	Clare, James		W	M	74			Farmer											Kentucky	"	"	39
			" Elisabeth		W	F	74														Kentucky	"	"	40
	51	52	Schalk, Jacob		W	M	53			Farmer											Germany	Germany	Germany	41
			" Detilla		W	F	50														Germany	Germany	Germany	42
			" John		W	M	27														Pennsylvania	"	"	43
			" Lizzie		W	F	14											/			Pennsylvania	"	"	44
			" Wm.		W	M	12											/			Pennsylvania	"	"	45
			" Julius		W	M	12											/			Pennsylvania	"	"	46
			" Chas		W	M	9											/			Pennsylvania	"	"	47
			Nintzer, John		W	M	30			Farm Hand											Germany	"	"	48
	52	53	Cunnall, Henry		W	M	32			Farmer											Iowa	"	Penn	49
			" Anda		W	F	20														Pennsylvania	Eng.	Penn.	50

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Figure 14.9

1880 Agricultural Schedule – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa



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NOTE A.—The light dotted perpendicular lines, which divide the spaces intended for numbers on this Schedule, are intended to separate the units, tens, &c., from each other, and the Enumerator should be careful that the figures are written within the small spaces so formed, thus: 7 | 4, the units in the right-hand small spaces. 3 | 2 | 3 | 9

NOTE B.—Make an affirmative entry by a slanting line (thus /) in one of the three columns 2, 3, and 4, according as the fact is in the case of each farm—in column 2, if the occupier is the owner of the farm; in column 3, if he is the tenant at a fixed money rental; in column 4, if he conducts it for a share of the product.

NOTE C.—Enumerators will observe that there are 100 questions relating to each farm, which are arranged in four successive divisions of each schedule page.

SCHEDULE 2.—Productions of Agriculture in Md. Pra. Township in the County of Jasper, State of Iowa enumerated by me on the 8 day of June, 1880.

M. L. Daft
Enumerator.

OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS THIS FARM.				ACRES OF LAND.				FARM VALUES.			FENCES.		LABOR.			GRASS LANDS.					
	TENURE.			IMPROVED.		UNIMPROVED.										ACREAGE 1879.		PRODUCTS HARVESTED IN 1879.			
THE NAME.	Owner.	Rents for fixed money rental.	Rents for share of products.	Tilled, including fallow and grass in rotation, [whether pasture or meadow.]	Permanent meadow, permanent pasture, orchards, vineyards.	Woodland and forest.	Other unimproved, including "old fields" and growing wood.	Of farm, including land, fences, and buildings.	Of farming implements and machinery.	Of Live Stock.	Cost of building and repairing in 1879.	Cost of fertilizers purchased in 1879.	Amount paid for wages for farm labor during 1879, including value of board.	Whole time hired farm laborers, [and dairy-men, exclusive of house-work.]	Estimated value of all farm productions (sold, consumed, or on hand) for 1879.	Mown.	Not Mown.	Hay.	Clover Seed.	Grass Seed.	Value of all Acres of Land, [Item 1, Line 10]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				No.	No.	No.	No.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	No.	Dollars.	Acres.	Acres.	Tons.	Bushels.	Bushels.	No.
1 Magg. Gye	/			80				2250	75	755			60	6	1200	5	14	6			5
2 Luhtten Geo		/		180				4800	150	550			150	30	1200	17	4	19			5
3 Reynard Jasper	/			80				2000	200	980	5		150	5	700	8	20	15			10
4 Lafe Pittman	/			80				2000	100	600	20		15	9	800	5	5	10			2
5 Brown Aaron	/		X	100				1800	200	600	20				1300	8		4			5
6 Russell, W. A.			/	240				6000	300	2200	50		150		1600	30	10	40			7
7 Roberts, John			/	120				2400	100	900					850	9	16	2			3
8 Schalk Jacob	/			95	65			3600	400	1840	150		50		2800	20	95	30			7
9 Zimmerly Henry	/			80				2000	100	820	40				800	11	5	1			5
10			/	160				5000	100	180					1860						5

NEAT CATTLE AND THEIR PRODUCTS.											SHEEP.								SWINE.		POULTRY AS RAISED JUNE 1ST, 1880; ELSE HOW OR WHEN HATCHING.		
ON HAND JUNE 1, 1880.			MOVEMENT, 1879.								ON HAND JUNE 1, 1880.	MOVEMENT, 1879.							CLIP, SPRING 1880, SHORN AND TO BE SHORN.		ON HAND JUNE 1, 1880.	Hatched.	Other.
			Cattle of all ages									Sheep and lambs											
Working oxen.	Milch cows.	Other.	Calves dropped.	Purchased.	Sold living.	Slaughtered.	Died, strayed, and stolen, and not accounted for.	Milk sold, or sent to butter and cheese factories in 1879.	Butter made on the farm in 1879.	Cheese made on the farm in 1879.	On hand June 1, 1880.	Lambs dropped.	Purchased.	Sold living.	Slaughtered.	Killed by dogs.	Died of disease.	Died of other causes.	Fleeces.	Weight.			
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Gallons.	Lbs.	Lbs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Lbs.	No.	No.	No.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
1	5	8	5			1	1		450												98	60	350
2	8	3	2		2				230												13	60	150
3	4	4	4						250												150	20	180
4	3	5							225												79	32	
5	4	9	3		3		1		325												23	40	160
6	22	8	23	16		20		2	900												150	50	180
7		1							150														
8		4	15	4	6	11		1	1000												19	14	250
9		2	9	2					250												80	35	50
10		3	1																		56	50	80
																					23		2

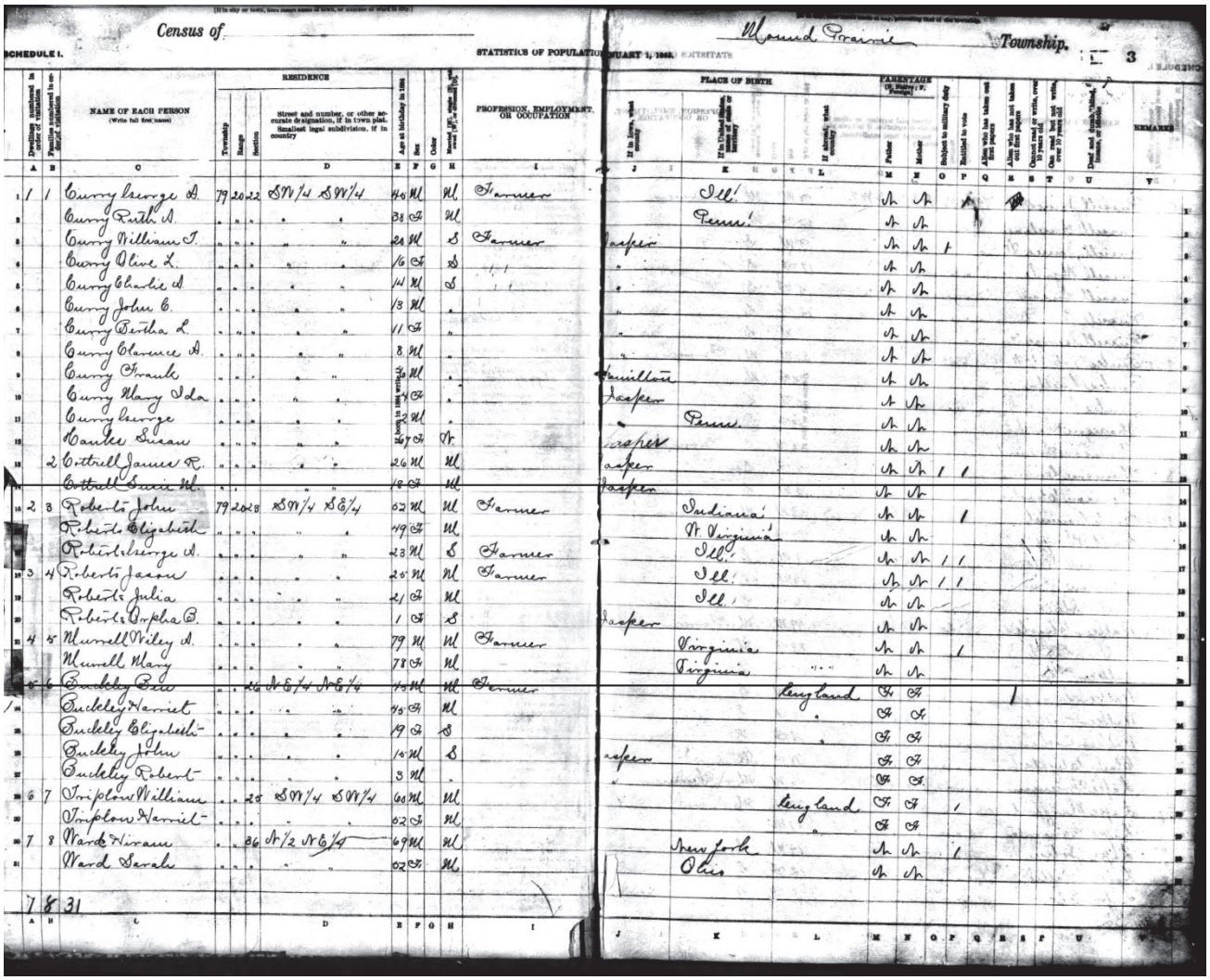
CEREALS.												PULSE.		FIBER.					SUGAR.					BROOM CORN 1879.	
BARLEY. 1879.		BUCKWHEAT. 1879.		INDIAN CORN. 1879.		OATS. 1879.		RYE. 1879.		WHEAT. 1879.		Castile Peas, Beans, (1879.)	Irish Potatoes (1879.)	FLAX—1879.				HEMP.	SORGHUM—1879.		MAPLE—1879.				
Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.			Acres in Crop.	Seed.	Straw.	Fiber.		Acres in Crop.	Sugar.	Molasses.	Sugar.	Molasses.		
Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Tons.	Lbs.		Acres.	Lbs.	Galls.	Lbs.	Galls.	Acres.	Lbs.
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
				42	1850	5	215			27	285														
				80	3800	26	1142			3	38														
				7	400	12	300			25	250														
				23	800	4	109			20	215														
				60	3000	20	500	4	60	20	200														
				85	4000	6	225	4	100	37	540								9		500				
				53	2600	7	280			80	900														
				55	2700																				
				38	1800	8	302	2½	104	8	120														
				90	4500	5	175			65	660														

HOPS. 1879.		POTATOES, (Irish.) 1879.		POTATOES, (Sweet.) 1879.		TOBACCO. 1879.		ORCHARDS—1879.							NURSERIES.		VINEYARDS.			MARKET GARDENS.	BEES—1879.		FOREST PRODUCTS.	
								APPLE.			PEACH.			Total value of orchard products of all kinds sold or consumed.										
Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Crop.	Acres.	Bearing trees.	Bushels. 1879.	Acres.	Bearing trees.	Bushels. 1879.		Acres.	Value of produce sold in 1879.	Acres.	Grapes sold in 1879.	Wine made in 1879.	Value of produce sold in 1879.	Honey.	Wax.	Amount of wood cut in 1879.	Value of all kinds of forest products in 1879.
Acres.	Lbs.	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Lbs.																	
76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
		1	175																					
		6	600																					
		4	500																					
		4	360																					
		2	100																					
		2	50			2															100			
		12	1100																					

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Figure 14.10

1885 Iowa State Census – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa



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Figure 14.11

Roberts Family Portrait, ca. 1892 – Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa



John & Elizabeth Roberts, their children and their families at the Roberts home in Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa ca. 1892. Photo from a collection of family photographs kindly provided by a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. She also provided the identification of the individuals.

From the left (by family group):
Mary (Main) Roberts, Clara Roberts, Maude Roberts, and William Edward Roberts.

Mary Jane (Roberts) Blount, Samuel Blount, Harry R. Blount

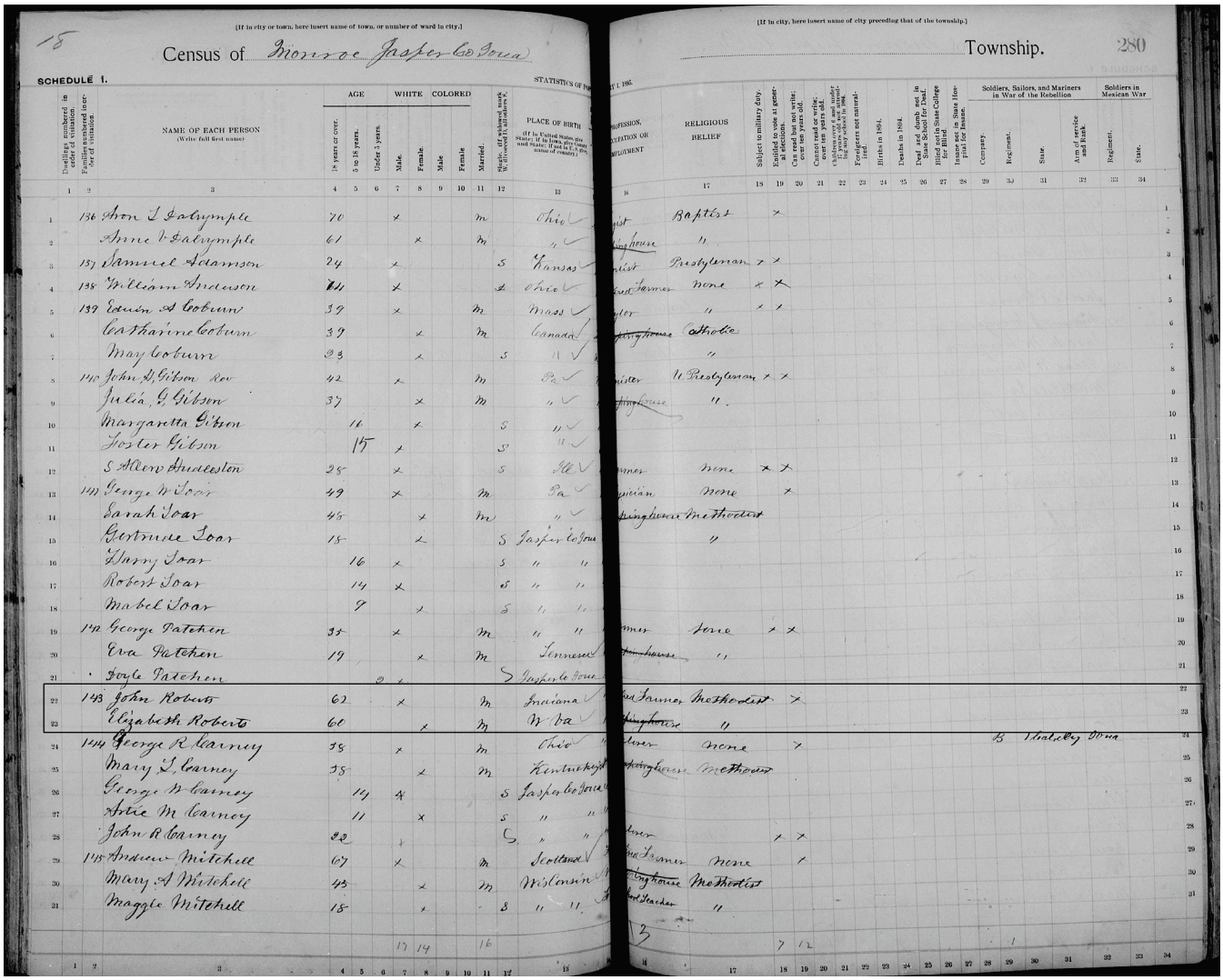
John and Elizabeth Roberts

George Anthony Roberts, George Anthony, Jr., Ella V. (Daniels) Roberts, Ethel Gay Roberts

Orpha Roberts, Oca Roberts, Julia (French) Roberts, Guy L. Roberts (sitting on fence), Jason Lee Roberts

Figure 14.12

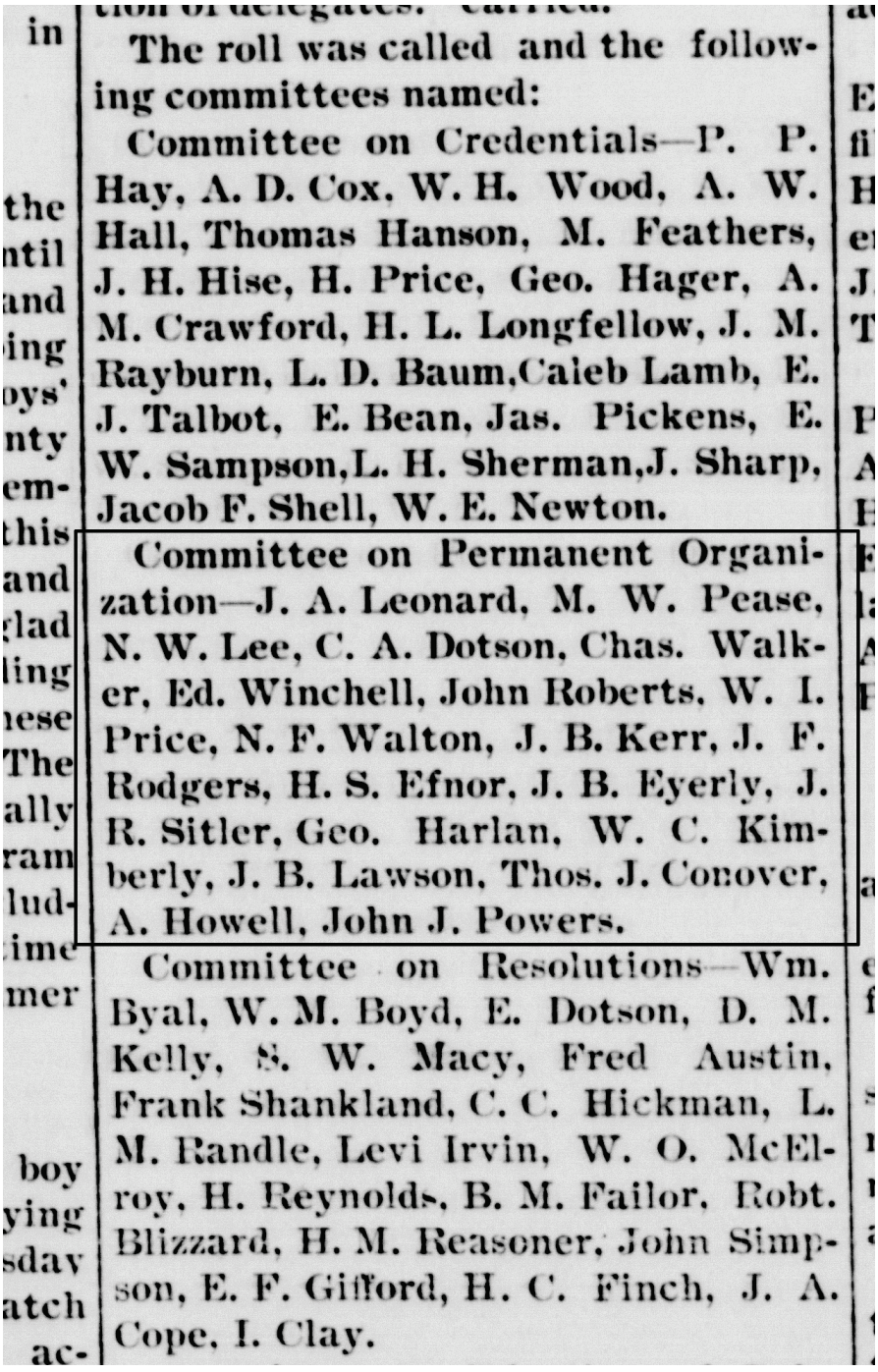
1895 Iowa State Census – Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa



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Figure 14.13

John Roberts[14] Appointment to the Committee on Permanent Organization, Jasper County Republican Convention



The roll was called and the following committees named:

Committee on Credentials—P. P. Hay, A. D. Cox, W. H. Wood, A. W. Hall, Thomas Hanson, M. Feathers, J. H. Hise, H. Price, Geo. Hager, A. M. Crawford, H. L. Longfellow, J. M. Rayburn, L. D. Baum, Caleb Lamb, E. J. Talbot, E. Bean, Jas. Pickens, E. W. Sampson, L. H. Sherman, J. Sharp, Jacob F. Shell, W. E. Newton.

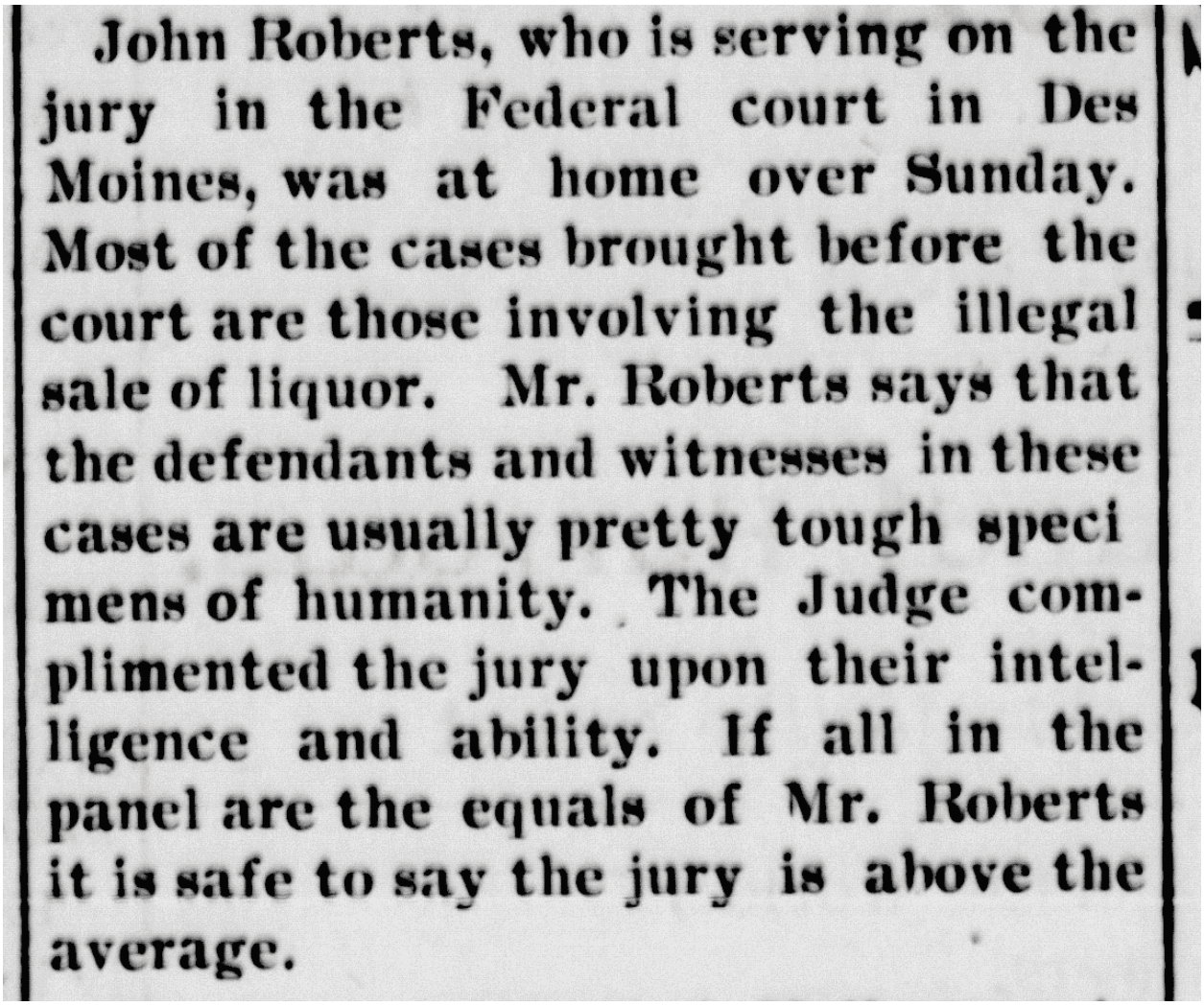
Committee on Permanent Organization—J. A. Leonard, M. W. Pease, N. W. Lee, C. A. Dotson, Chas. Walker, Ed. Winchell, John Roberts, W. I. Price, N. F. Walton, J. B. Kerr, J. F. Rodgers, H. S. Efnor, J. B. Eyerly, J. R. Sitler, Geo. Harlan, W. C. Kimberly, J. B. Lawson, Thos. J. Conover, A. Howell, John J. Powers.

Committee on Resolutions—Wm. Byal, W. M. Boyd, E. Dotson, D. M. Kelly, S. W. Macy, Fred Austin, Frank Shankland, C. C. Hickman, L. M. Randle, Levi Irvin, W. O. McElroy, H. Reynolds, B. M. Failor, Robt. Blizzard, H. M. Reasoner, John Simpson, E. F. Gifford, H. C. Finch, J. A. Cope, I. Clay.

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Figure 14.14

John Roberts[14] Federal Grand Jury

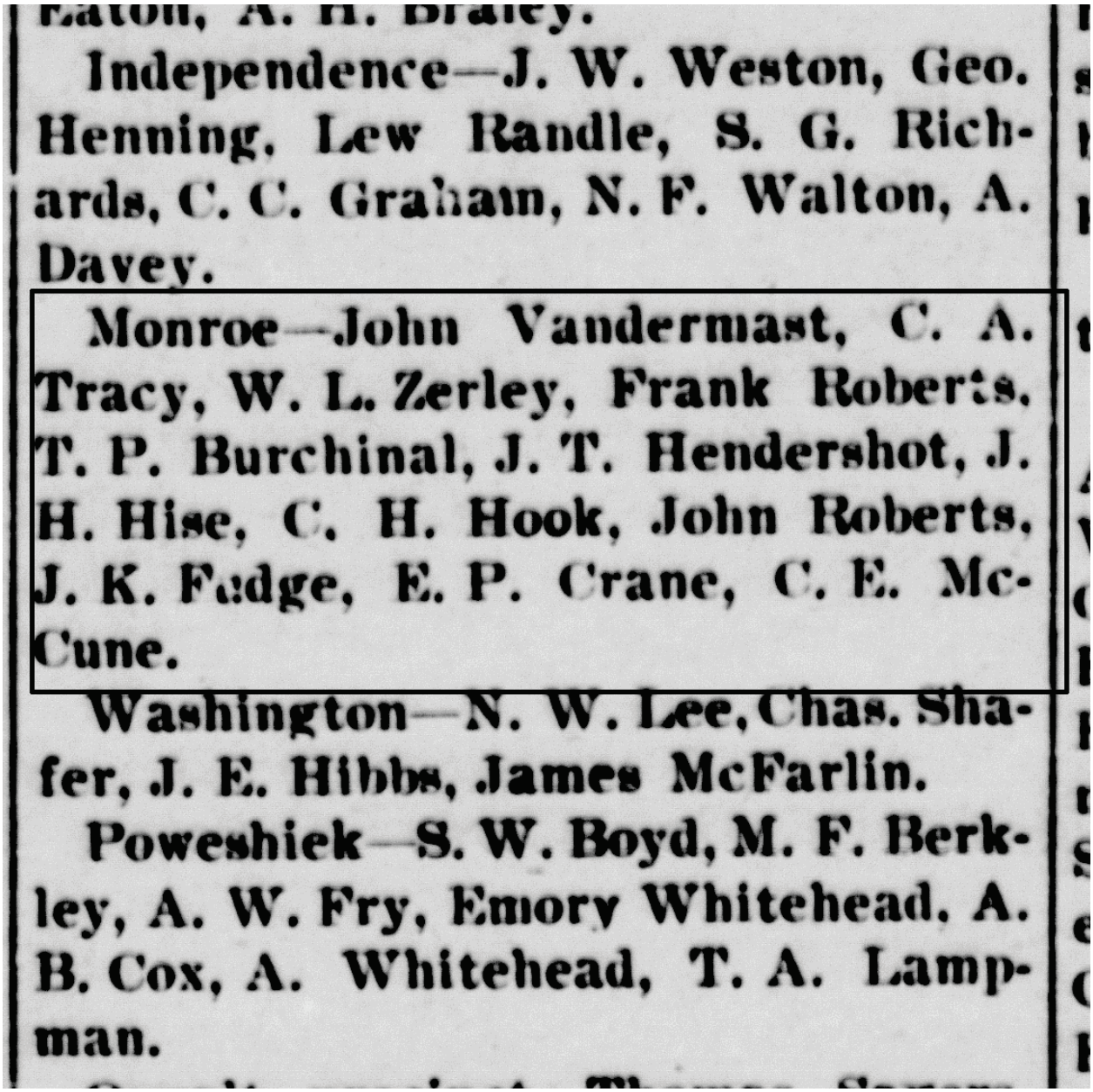


John Roberts, who is serving on the jury in the Federal court in Des Moines, was at home over Sunday. Most of the cases brought before the court are those involving the illegal sale of liquor. Mr. Roberts says that the defendants and witnesses in these cases are usually pretty tough specimens of humanity. The Judge complimented the jury upon their intelligence and ability. If all in the panel are the equals of Mr. Roberts it is safe to say the jury is above the average.

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Figure 14.15

John Roberts[14] Delegate, Jasper County Republican Convention



Eaton, A. H. Braley.

Independence—J. W. Weston, Geo. Henning, Lew Randle, S. G. Richards, C. C. Graham, N. F. Walton, A. Davey.

Monroe—John Vandermast, C. A. Tracy, W. L. Zerley, Frank Roberts, T. P. Burchinal, J. T. Hendershot, J. H. Hise, C. H. Hook, John Roberts, J. K. Fadge, E. P. Crane, C. E. McCune.

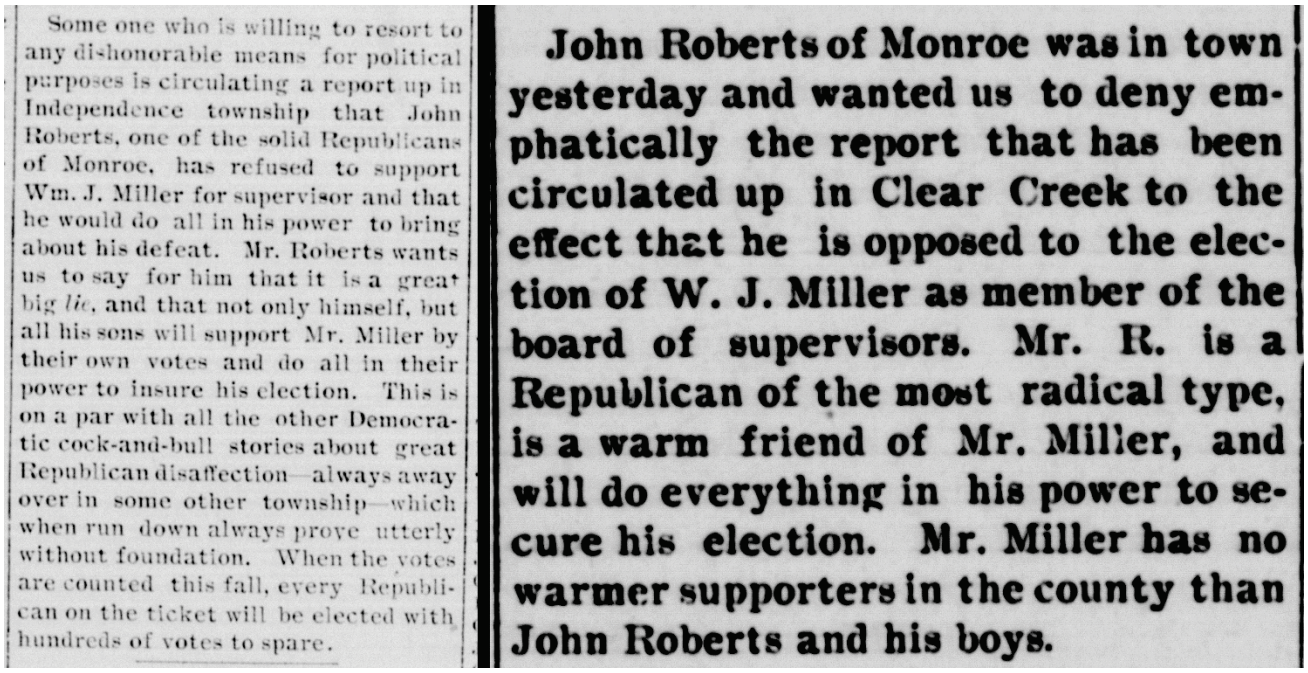
Washington—N. W. Lee, Chas. Shafer, J. E. Hibbs, James McFarlin.

Poweshiek—S. W. Boyd, M. F. Berkley, A. W. Fry, Emory Whitehead, A. B. Cox, A. Whitehead, T. A. Lampman.

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Figure 14.16

John Roberts[14] Political Hit-Job



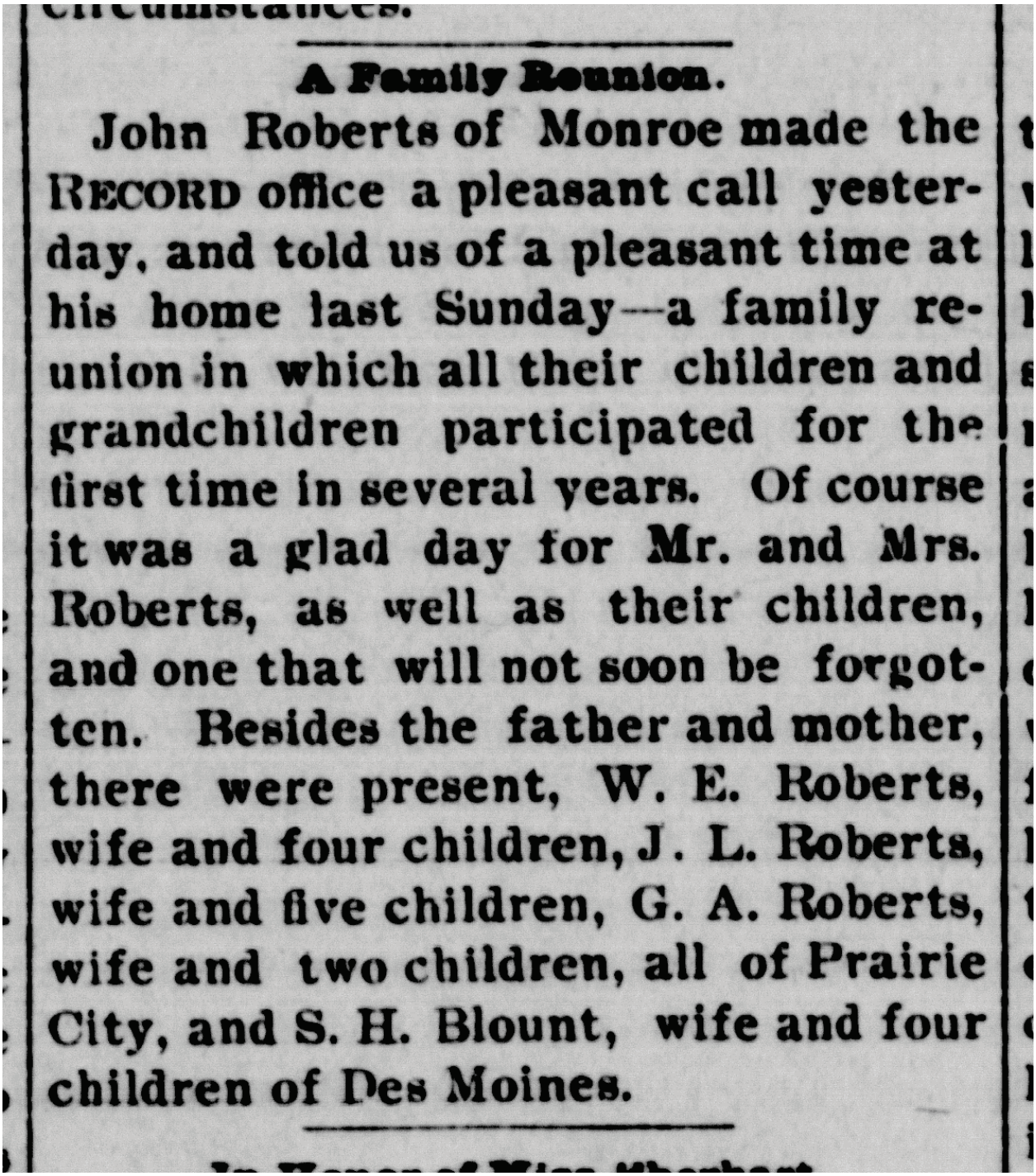
Some one who is willing to resort to any dishonorable means for political purposes is circulating a report up in Independence township that John Roberts, one of the solid Republicans of Monroe, has refused to support Wm. J. Miller for supervisor and that he would do all in his power to bring about his defeat. Mr. Roberts wants us to say for him that it is a great big *lie*, and that not only himself, but all his sons will support Mr. Miller by their own votes and do all in their power to insure his election. This is on a par with all the other Democratic cock-and-bull stories about great Republican disaffection—always away over in some other township—which when run down always prove utterly without foundation. When the votes are counted this fall, every Republican on the ticket will be elected with hundreds of votes to spare.

John Roberts of Monroe was in town yesterday and wanted us to deny emphatically the report that has been circulated up in Clear Creek to the effect that he is opposed to the election of W. J. Miller as member of the board of supervisors. Mr. R. is a Republican of the most radical type, is a warm friend of Mr. Miller, and will do everything in his power to secure his election. Mr. Miller has no warmer supporters in the county than John Roberts and his boys.

Left: *Newton (IA) Record*, 6 Sep 1898, pg. 4.
Right: *Newton (IA) Record*, 29 Sep 1898, pg. 1.
(both from newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 14.17

John Roberts[14] Family Reunion



circumstances.

A Family Reunion.

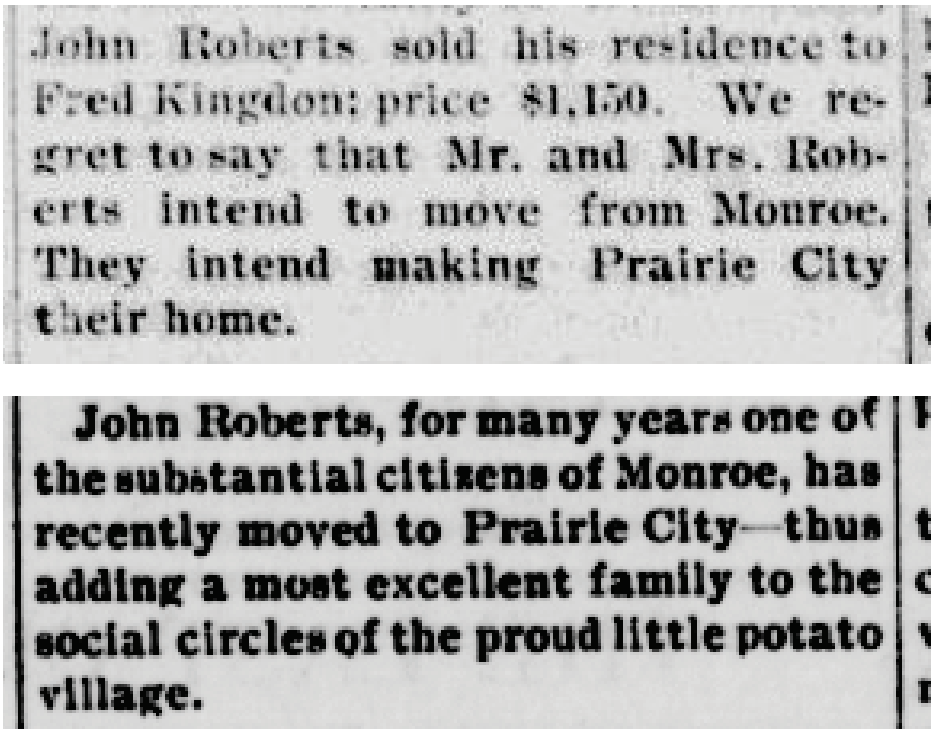
John Roberts of Monroe made the RECORD office a pleasant call yesterday, and told us of a pleasant time at his home last Sunday—a family reunion in which all their children and grandchildren participated for the first time in several years. Of course it was a glad day for Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, as well as their children, and one that will not soon be forgotten. Besides the father and mother, there were present, W. E. Roberts, wife and four children, J. L. Roberts, wife and five children, G. A. Roberts, wife and two children, all of Prairie City, and S. H. Blount, wife and four children of Des Moines.

In honor of Miss Eberhart

Newton (IA) Record, 7 Apr 1898, pg. 3 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 14.18

John Roberts[14] Sale of Monroe, Iowa Home and Move to Prairie City, Iowa



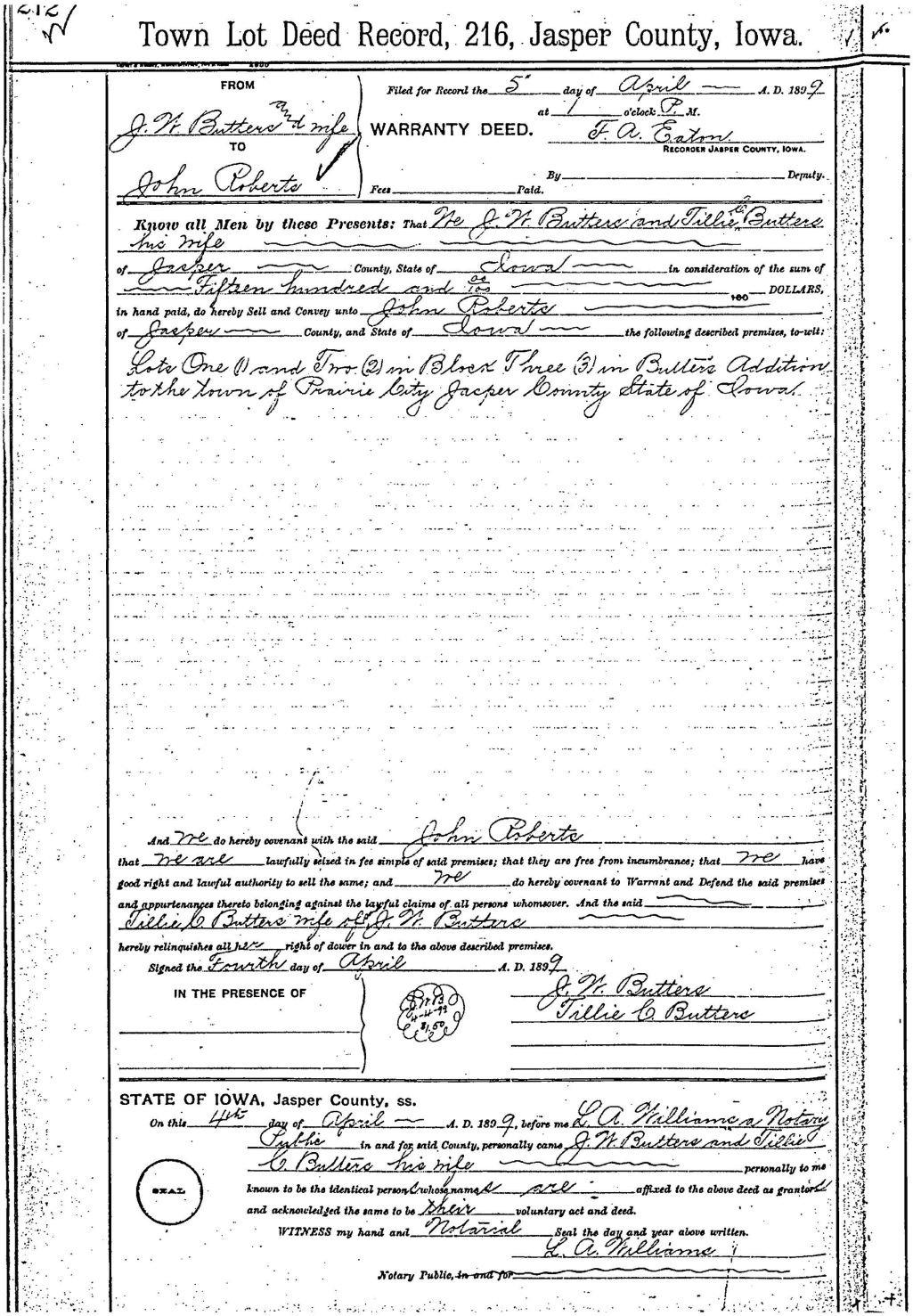
John Roberts sold his residence to Fred Kingdon: price $1,150. We regret to say that Mr. and Mrs. Roberts intend to move from Monroe. They intend making Prairie City their home.

John Roberts, for many years one of the substantial citizens of Monroe, has recently moved to Prairie City—thus adding a most excellent family to the social circles of the proud little potato village.

Top: *Newton (IA) Record*, 16 Feb 1899, pg. 4.
Bottom: *Newton (IA) Record*, 16 Mar 1899, pg. 8.
(both from newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 14.19

John Roberts[14] Warranty Deed for Prairie City, Iowa Property



Town Lot Deed Record, 216, Jasper County, Iowa.

FROM
J. N. Butters and wife
TO
John Roberts

Filed for Record the 5th day of April A. D. 1899
at 1 o'clock P. M.
WARRANTY DEED.
F. A. Eaton
Recorder Jasper County, Iowa.
By _____ Deputy.
Fees _____ Paid.

Know all Men by these Presents: That We J. N. Butters and Tillie C. Butters his wife of Jasper County, State of Iowa, in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred and no/100 DOLLARS, in hand paid, do hereby Sell and Convey unto John Roberts of Jasper County, and State of Iowa, the following described premises, to-wit:

Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Three (3) in Butlers Addition to the Town of Prairie City Jasper County State of Iowa.

And We do hereby covenant with the said John Roberts that We are lawfully seized in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from incumbrance; that We have good right and lawful authority to sell the same; and We do hereby covenant to Warrant and Defend the said premises and appurtenances thereto belonging against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. And the said Tillie C. Butters wife of J. N. Butters hereby relinquishes all her right of dower in and to the above described premises.

Signed the Fourth day of April A. D. 1899

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Rec'd 10-4-99 $1.50

J. N. Butters
Tillie C. Butters

STATE OF IOWA, Jasper County, ss.

On this 4th day of April A. D. 1899, before me L. A. Williams a Notary Public in and for said County, personally came J. N. Butters and Tillie C. Butters his wife personally to me known to be the identical person whose names are affixed to the above deed as grantors and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed.

SEAL

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal the day and year above written.

L. A. Williams
Notary Public, in and for

Jasper County, Iowa Recorder's Office, Newton, Iowa. (https://cotthosting.com/IAJasperRodExternal/LandRecords/protected/SrchQuickName.aspx), Indexed Records > Historical Index > Search Record Book > Book 216, Page 212 : accessed 22 Nov 2021.

Figure 14.20

Roberts Family Portrait, ca. 1904 – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa



John & Elizabeth Roberts, their children and their families at the Roberts home in Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa ca. 1904. Current address: 108 North Sherman Street, Prairie City, Iowa 50228. Photo from a collection of family photographs kindly provided by a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. She also provided identification of the individuals.

From left-

Mary Jane Roberts' family: Mary Jane (Mollie J) standing holding her daughter Bernice Blount; son Samuel Harvey with hat and tie standing next to his father, Samuel H. Blount. Seated on ground in front are, from left, Florence, Helen J, and Harold M. Blount. Oldest son Harry R. is standing next to his father in a dark suit.

George A. Roberts' family: Standing next to Harry R. Blount is Ella V. Daniels Roberts and in the (short) white dress is daughter Ethel Gay Roberts. Seated at her feet is Edith Mae Roberts. Their father George A. Roberts stands next to Ethel, with son George A. Roberts, standing next to him.

Jason Lee Roberts' family: Oca Roberts, in a long white dress, stands next to George Roberts Jr. Her brother Guy L. Roberts stands in front of her and their father, Jason Lee Roberts. His wife Julia French Roberts stands next to him holding their baby Ralph Roberts. Sitting on the ground in front of them are, from left, Wiley Roberts, Willard Roberts, and Charley Roberts in white. The very short woman in front of Julia French is Orpha B. Roberts.

Elizabeth Ann Murrell and her husband John Roberts stand next to Julia French.

William Edward (W.E., or Ed) Roberts' family: W.E. Roberts stands next to his father, John Roberts. His son Orville stands beside him, with the woman on the right probably Orville's mother, Mary M. Main Roberts; his sister Edna is not seen in the picture. Seated on the ground in front of them are Maude & Clara, with Maude possibly having the lighter hair.

Figure 14.21

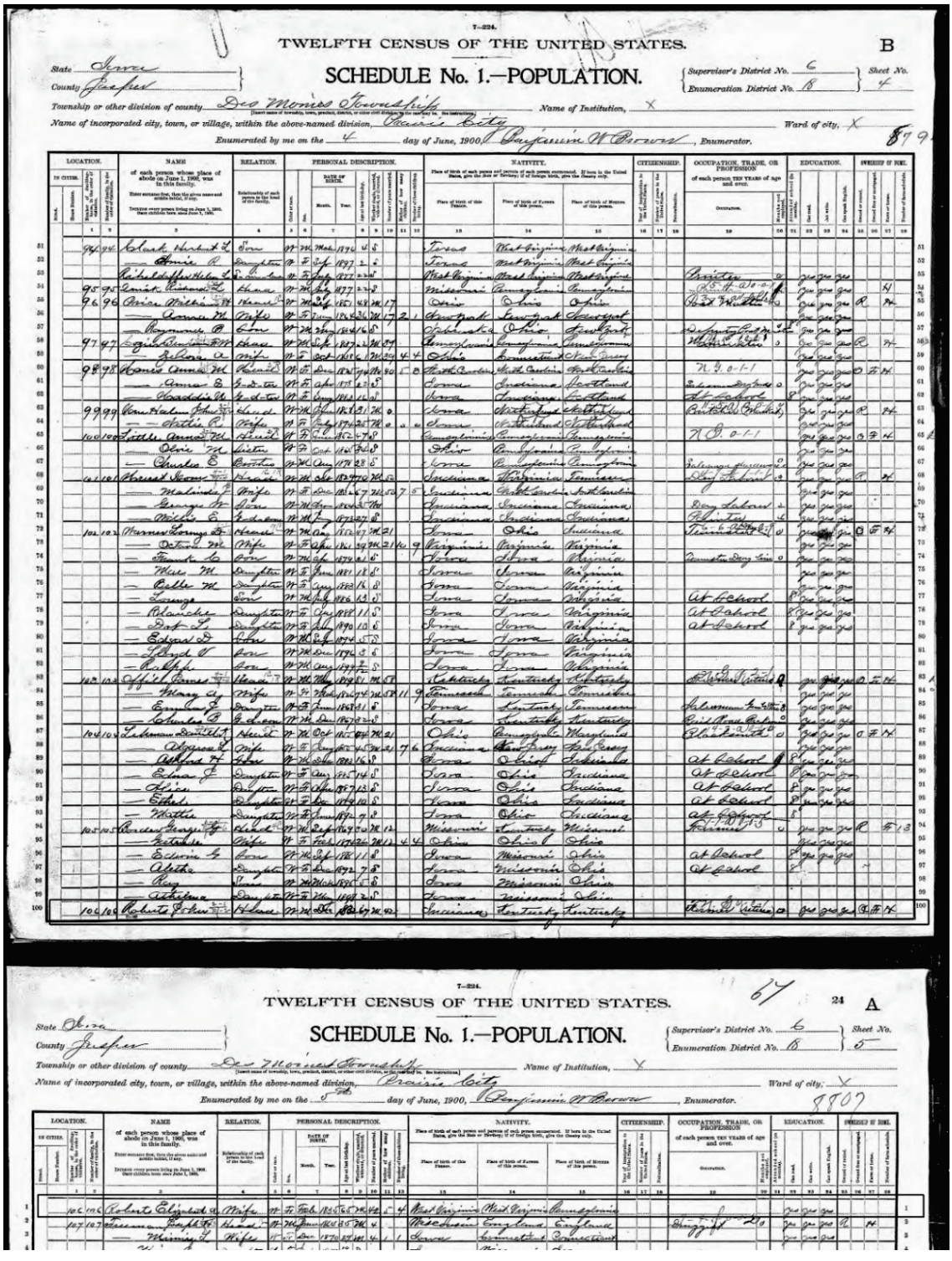
John Roberts[14] Prairie City, Iowa Home



Undated images of the John Roberts home at 108 North Sherman Street, Prairie City, Iowa 50228. © 2021 Realtor.com (https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/M7083434658 : accessed 22 Nov 2021).

Figure 14.22

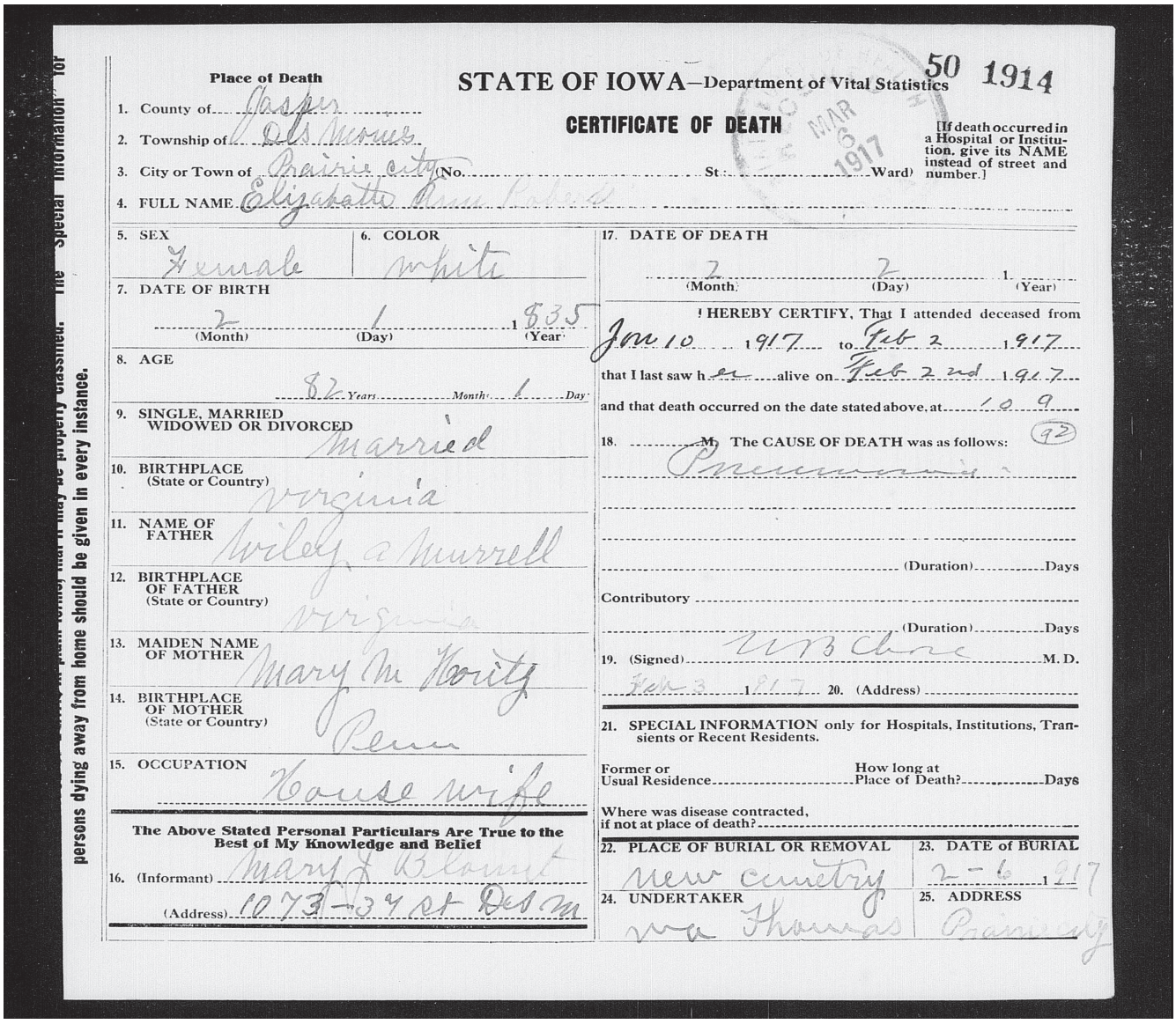
1900 United States Federal Census – Prairie City, Des Moines Township, Jasper County, Iowa



"1900 United States Federal Census," database online, *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4119863_00050?pId=19552297 : accessed 22 Nov 2021), Iowa > Jasper > Des Moines > District 0018 > Images 8 & 9 of 46.

Figure 14.23

Elizabeth (Murrell) Roberts Death Certificate



STATE OF IOWA—Department of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

50 1914

MAR 3 1917

Place of Death

1. County of Jasper
2. Township of Des Moines
3. City or Town of Prairie City (No. ____ St. ____ Ward) [If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]
4. FULL NAME Elizabeth Ann Roberts

5. SEX: Female
6. COLOR: White
7. DATE OF BIRTH: 2 (Month) 1 (Day) 1835 (Year)
8. AGE: 82 Years 1 Month 1 Day
9. SINGLE, MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED: Married
10. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country): Virginia
11. NAME OF FATHER: Wiley A Murrell
12. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country): Virginia
13. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Mary M Hority
14. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country): Penn
15. OCCUPATION: Housewife

The Above Stated Personal Particulars Are True to the Best of My Knowledge and Belief

16. (Informant) Mary L Blount
(Address) 1073-34 st Des M

17. DATE OF DEATH: 2 (Month) 2 (Day) 1917 (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan 10 1917 to Feb 2 1917 that I last saw h[er] alive on Feb 2nd 1917 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 10 9

18. ____M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: (92)
Pneumonia
(Duration) ____ Days
Contributory ____
(Duration) ____ Days

19. (Signed) W B Chase M. D.
Feb 3 1917 20. (Address) ____

21. SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents.
Former or Usual Residence ____ How long at Place of Death? ____ Days
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? ____

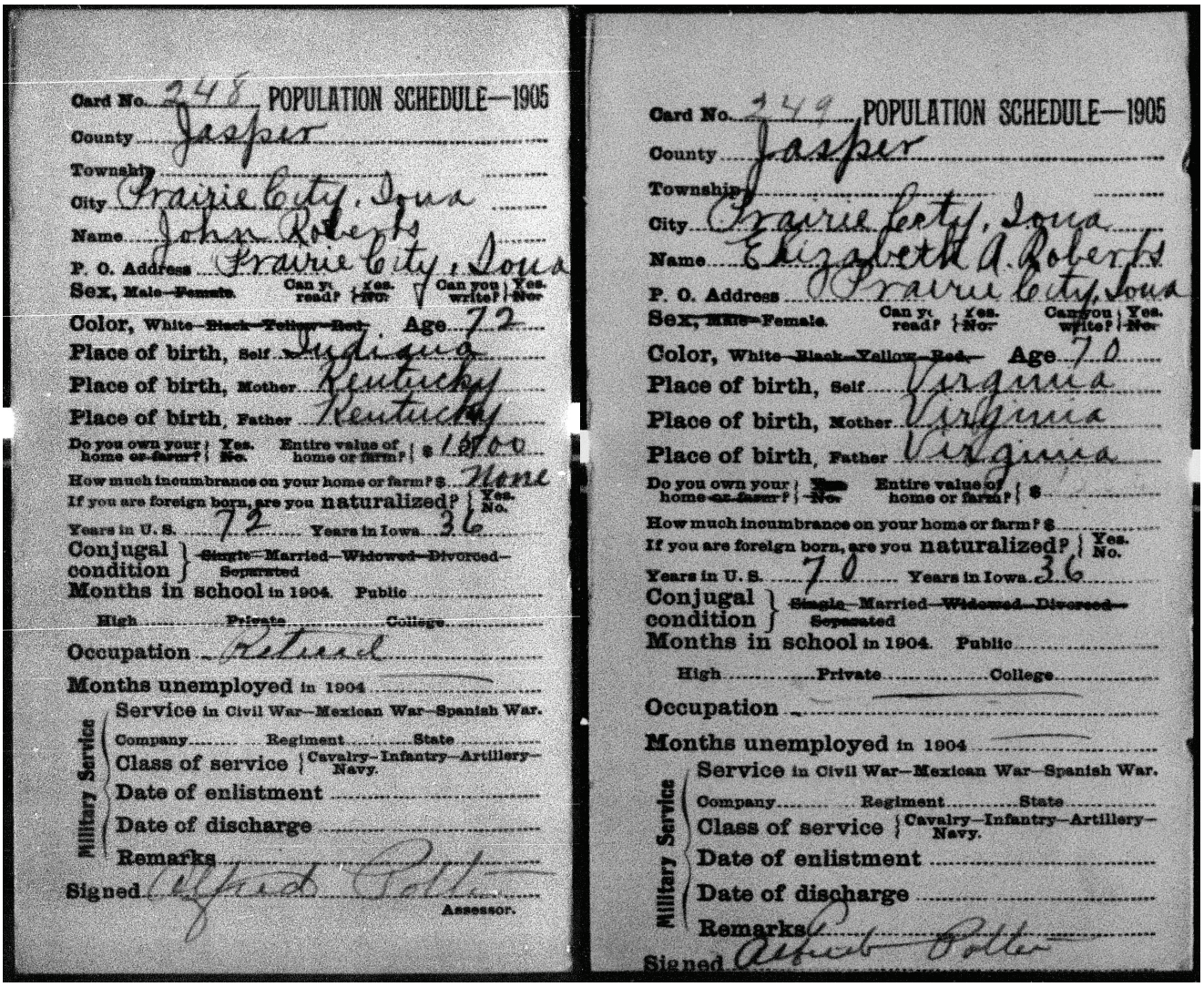
22. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: New cemetery
23. DATE of BURIAL: 2-6 1917
24. UNDERTAKER: Wm Thomas
25. ADDRESS: Prairie City

persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

"Iowa, Death Records, 1904-1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS68-CQYV-D?cc=2531337&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A78QT-L4W2 : accessed 22 Nov 2021) > Film # 102869853 > Image 3371 of 4346.

Figure 14.24

1905 Iowa State Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa



Card No. 348 POPULATION SCHEDULE—1905
County Jasper
Township
City Prairie City, Iowa
Name John Roberts
P. O. Address Prairie City, Iowa
Sex, Male—Female. Can you read? Yes. No. Can you write? Yes. No.
Color, White—Black—Yellow—Red. Age 72
Place of birth, Self Virginia
Place of birth, Mother Kentucky
Place of birth, Father Kentucky
Do you own your home or farm? Yes. No. Entire value of home or farm? $ 1800
How much incumbrance on your home or farm? $ None
If you are foreign born, are you naturalized? Yes. No.
Years in U. S. 72 Years in Iowa 36
Conjugal condition } Single—Married—Widowed—Divorced—Separated
Months in school in 1904. Public
High Private College
Occupation Retired
Months unemployed in 1904
Military Service
Service in Civil War—Mexican War—Spanish War.
Company Regiment State
Class of service } Cavalry—Infantry—Artillery—Navy.
Date of enlistment
Date of discharge
Remarks
Signed Albert Potter
Assessor.

Card No. 349 POPULATION SCHEDULE—1905
County Jasper
Township
City Prairie City, Iowa
Name Elizabeth A. Roberts
P. O. Address Prairie City, Iowa
Sex, Male—Female. Can you read? Yes. No. Can you write? Yes. No.
Color, White—Black—Yellow—Red. Age 70
Place of birth, Self Virginia
Place of birth, Mother Virginia
Place of birth, Father Virginia
Do you own your home or farm? Yes. No. Entire value of home or farm? $
How much incumbrance on your home or farm? $
If you are foreign born, are you naturalized? Yes. No.
Years in U. S. 70 Years in Iowa 36
Conjugal condition } Single—Married—Widowed—Divorced—Separated
Months in school in 1904. Public
High Private College
Occupation
Months unemployed in 1904
Military Service
Service in Civil War—Mexican War—Spanish War.
Company Regiment State
Class of service } Cavalry—Infantry—Artillery—Navy.
Date of enlistment
Date of discharge
Remarks
Signed Albert Potter

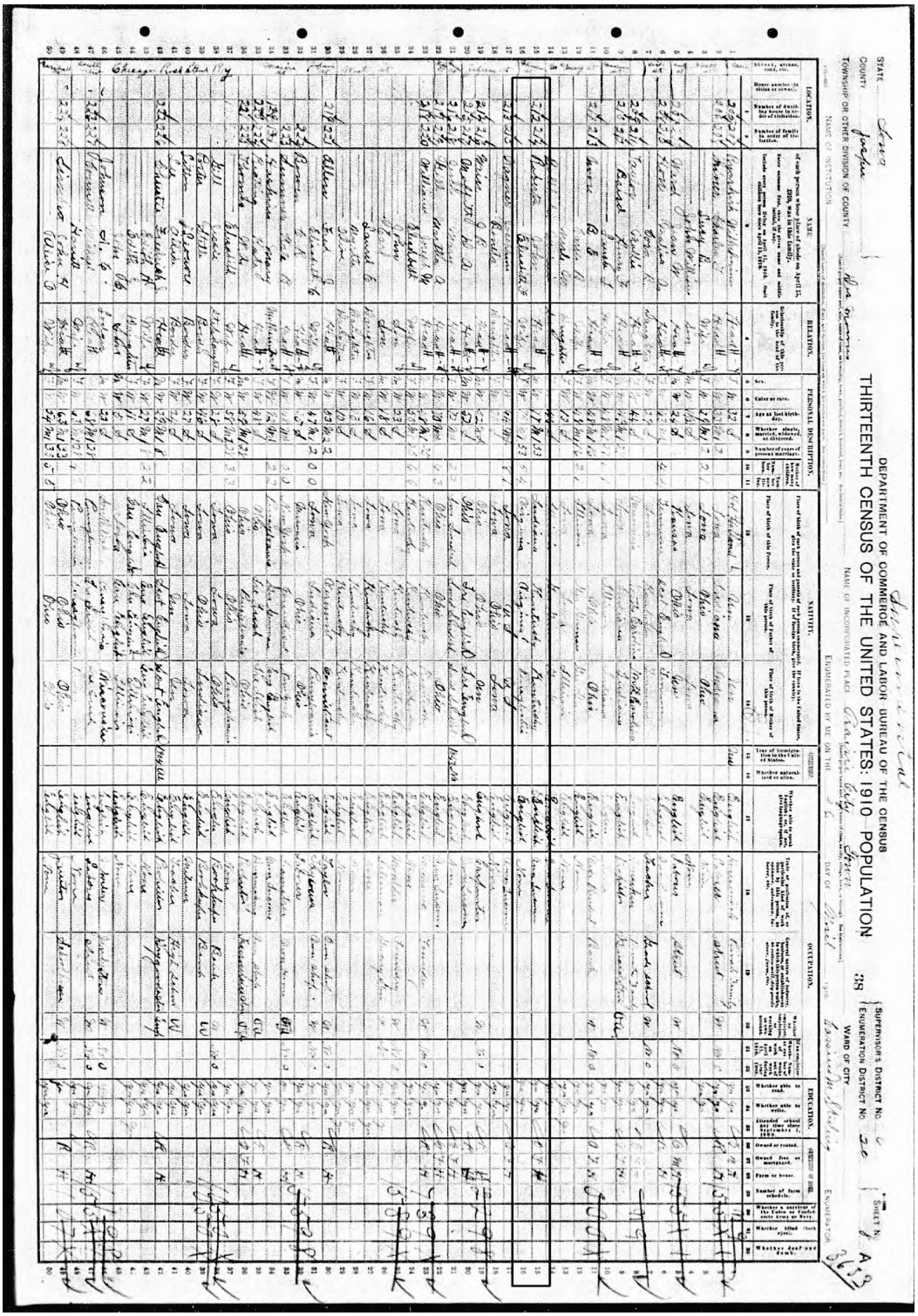
"Iowa State Census, 1905," database with images, *FamilySearch*

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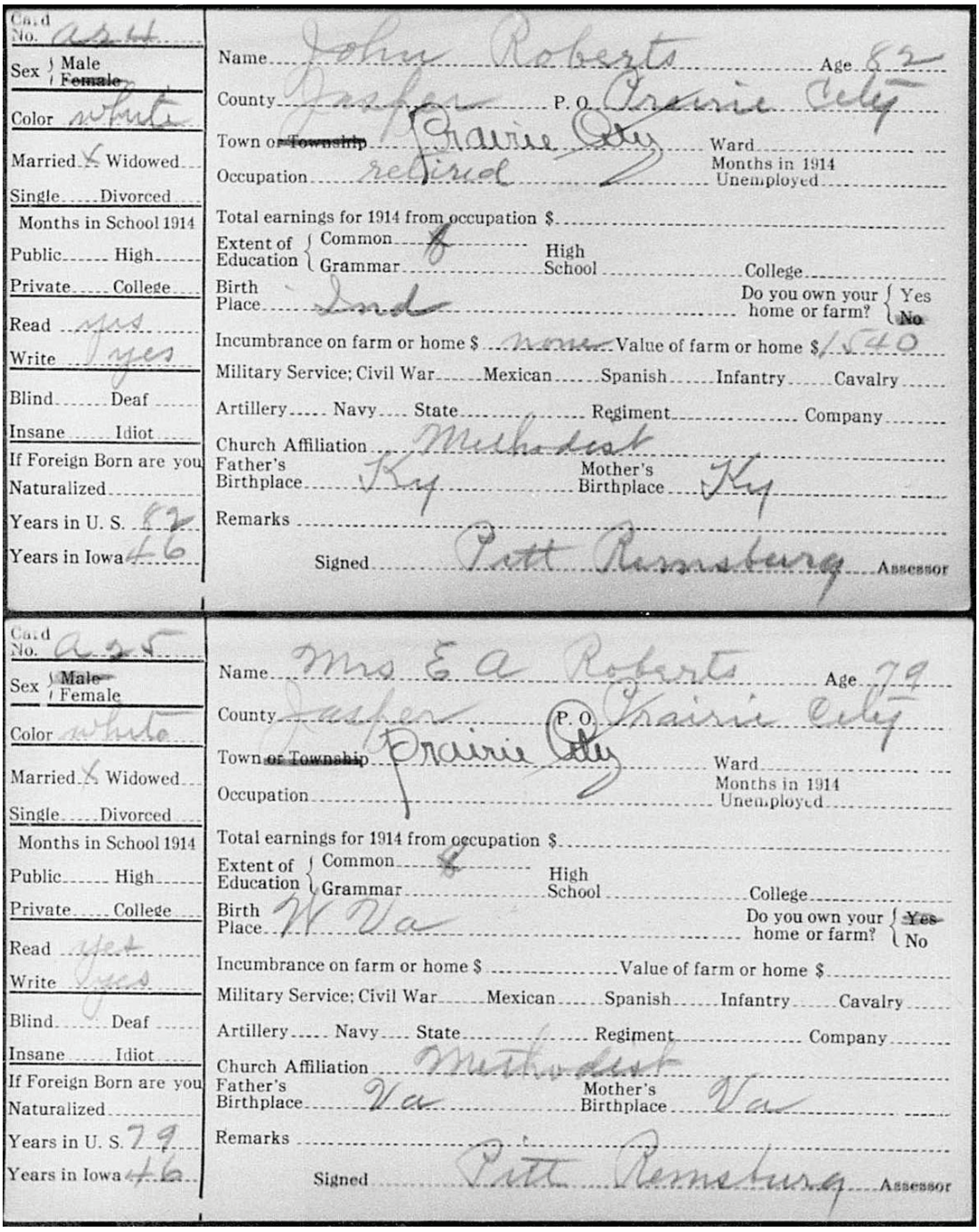
1910 United States Federal Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa



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Figure 14.26

1915 Iowa State Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa



Card No. 454
Sex { Male / Female
Color white
Married Widowed
Single Divorced
Months in School 1914
Public High
Private College
Read yes
Write yes
Blind Deaf
Insane Idiot
If Foreign Born are you Naturalized
Years in U. S. 67
Years in Iowa 46

Name John Roberts Age 82
County Jasper P. O. Prairie City
Town or ~~Township~~ Prairie City Ward
Occupation retired Months in 1914 Unemployed
Total earnings for 1914 from occupation $
Extent of Education { Common 8 / Grammar / High School / College
Birth Place Ind
Do you own your home or farm? { Yes / No
Incumbrance on farm or home $ none Value of farm or home $ 1540
Military Service; Civil War Mexican Spanish Infantry Cavalry
Artillery Navy State Regiment Company
Church Affiliation Methodist
Father's Birthplace Ky Mother's Birthplace Ky
Remarks
Signed Pett Remsburg Assessor

Card No. 455
Sex { Male / Female
Color white
Married Widowed
Single Divorced
Months in School 1914
Public High
Private College
Read yes
Write yes
Blind Deaf
Insane Idiot
If Foreign Born are you Naturalized
Years in U. S. 79
Years in Iowa 46

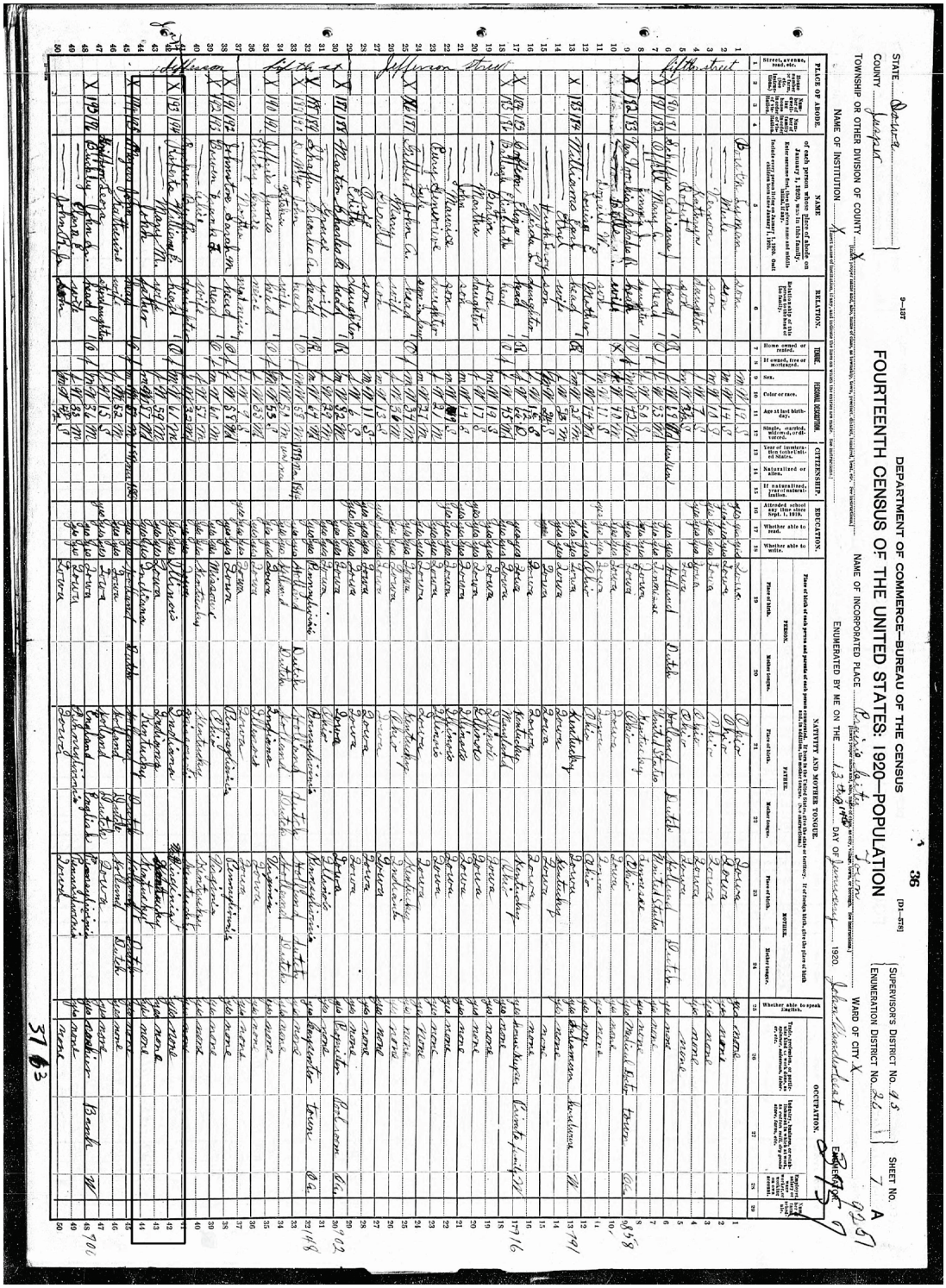
Name Mrs E A Roberts Age 79
County Jasper P. O. Prairie City
Town or ~~Township~~ Prairie City Ward
Occupation Months in 1914 Unemployed
Total earnings for 1914 from occupation $
Extent of Education { Common 8 / Grammar / High School / College
Birth Place W Va
Do you own your home or farm? { ~~Yes~~ / No
Incumbrance on farm or home $ Value of farm or home $
Military Service; Civil War Mexican Spanish Infantry Cavalry
Artillery Navy State Regiment Company
Church Affiliation Methodist
Father's Birthplace Va Mother's Birthplace Va
Remarks
Signed Pett Remsburg Assessor

"Iowa State Census, 1915," database with images, *FamilySearch*

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Figure 14.27

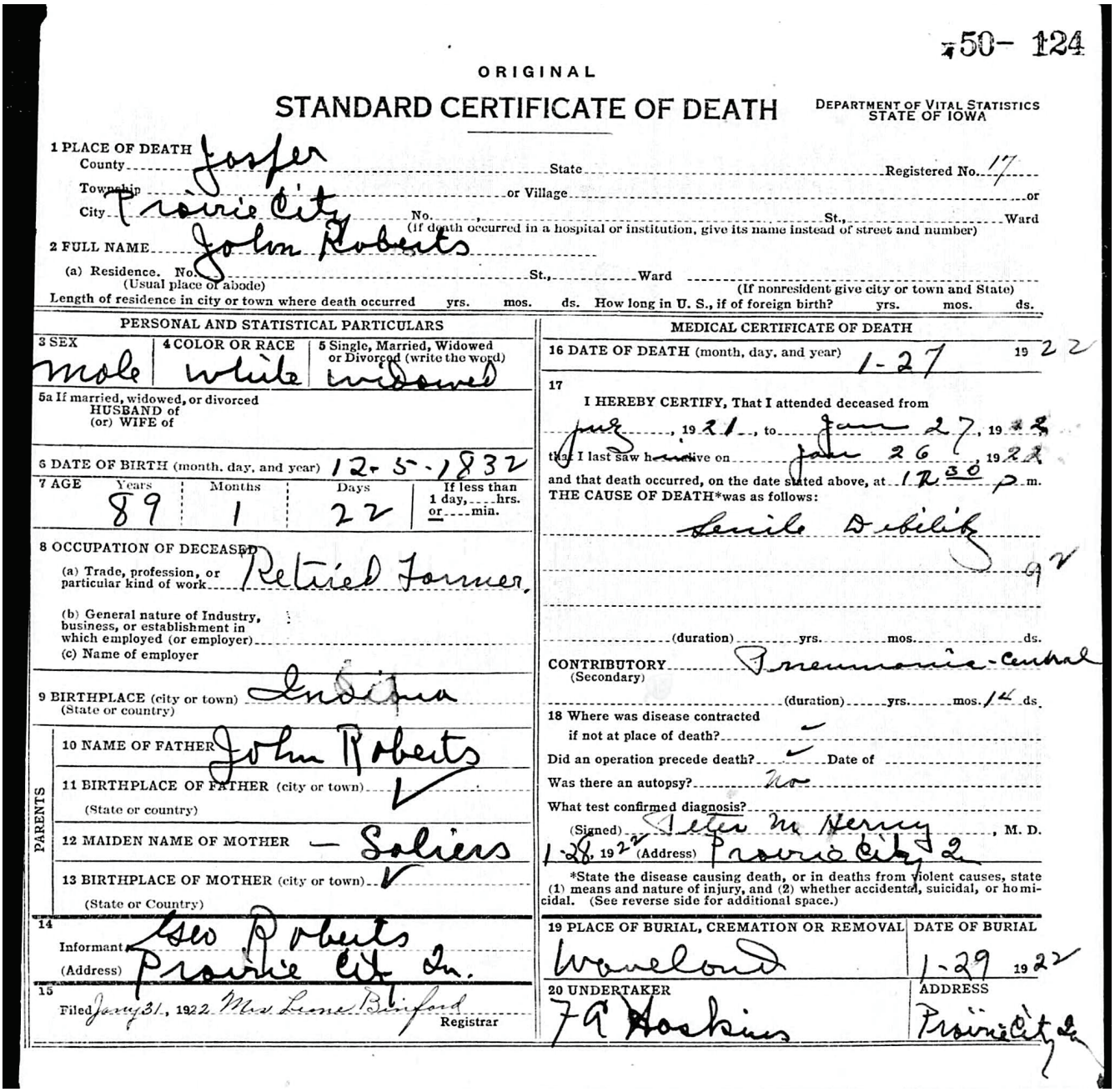
1920 United States Federal Census – Prairie City, Jasper County, Iowa



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Figure 14.28

John Roberts[14] Death Certificate



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ORIGINAL

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF IOWA

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Jasper State Registered No. 17
Township or Village or
City Prairie City No. St., Ward
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)
2 FULL NAME John Roberts
(a) Residence. No. St., Ward
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: male | 4 COLOR OR RACE: white | 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word): widowed

5a If married, widowed, or divorced
HUSBAND of
(or) WIFE of

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) 12-5-1832

7 AGE: Years 89 | Months 1 | Days 22 | If less than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Retired Farmer.
(b) General nature of Industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer):
(c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country): Indiana

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER: John Roberts
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country): V
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: — Soliers
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or Country): V

14
Informant: Leo Roberts
(Address): Prairie City Ia.

15
Filed Jany 31, 1922 Mrs Lenore Binford Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 1-27 1922

17
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from
June, 1921, to Jan 27, 1922
that I last saw him alive on Jan 26, 1922
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12 30 p. m.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Senile Debility
9 V
(duration) yrs. mos. ds.
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Pneumonia-Central
(duration) yrs. mos. 14 ds.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? —
Did an operation precede death? — Date of
Was there an autopsy? No
What test confirmed diagnosis?
(Signed) Peter M Kenny, M. D.
1-28, 1922 (Address) Prairie City Ia

*State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes, state (1) means and nature of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

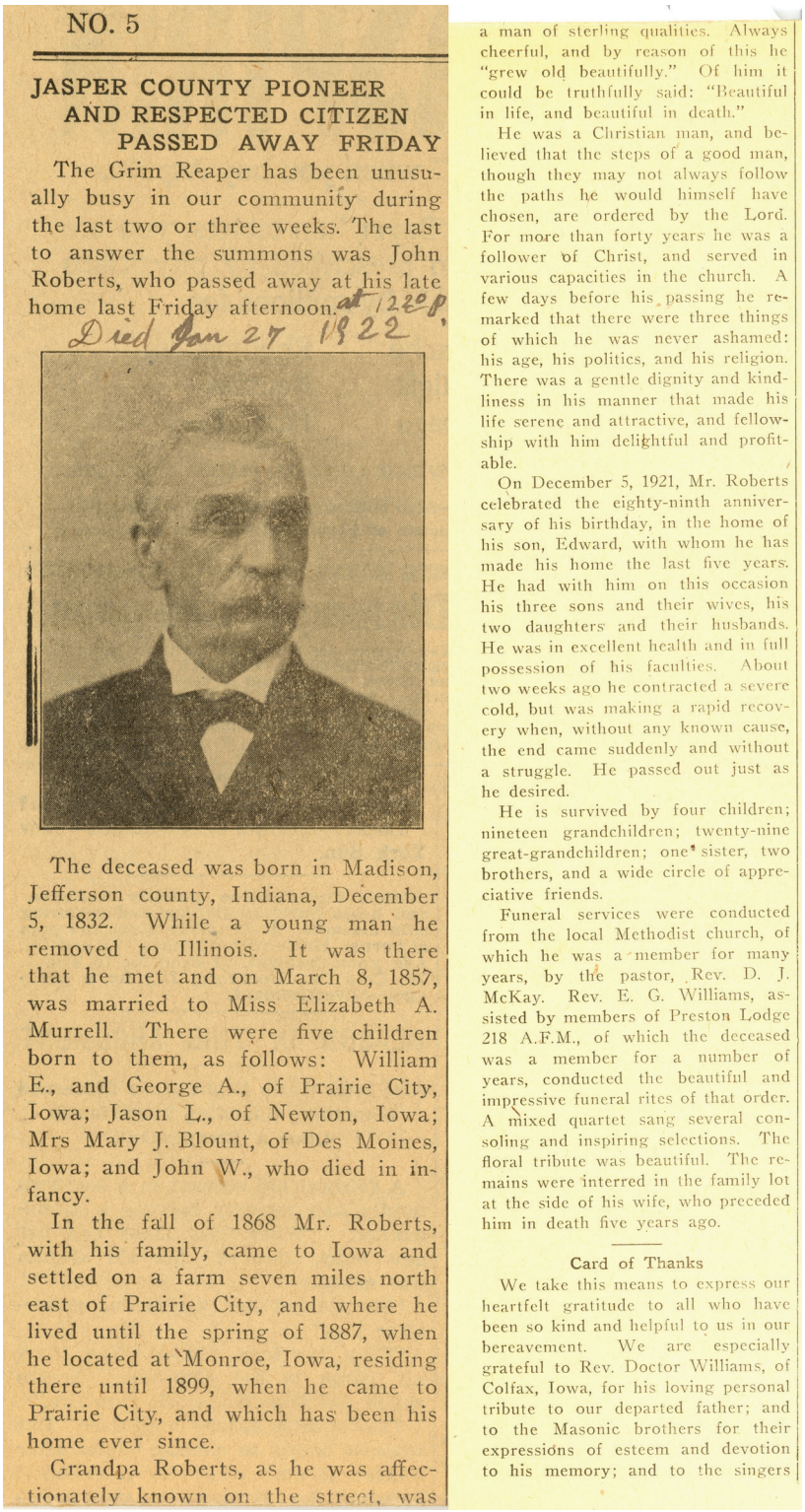
19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL: Waveland | DATE OF BURIAL: 1-29 1922

20 UNDERTAKER: T. J. Hoskins | ADDRESS: Prairie City Ia

"Iowa, U.S., Death Records, 1880-1904, 1920,1967," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61442/images/101784559_00254?pId=92419 : accessed 22 Nov 2021), 1921-1929 > Jasper > Image 254 of 2498.

Figure 14.29

John Roberts[14] Obituary



NO. 5

JASPER COUNTY PIONEER AND RESPECTED CITIZEN PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

The Grim Reaper has been unusually busy in our community during the last two or three weeks. The last to answer the summons was John Roberts, who passed away at his late home last Friday afternoon. at 12:20 P.

Died Jan 27 1922

The deceased was born in Madison, Jefferson county, Indiana, December 5, 1832. While a young man he removed to Illinois. It was there that he met and on March 8, 1857, was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Murrell. There were five children born to them, as follows: William E., and George A., of Prairie City, Iowa; Jason L., of Newton, Iowa; Mrs Mary J. Blount, of Des Moines, Iowa; and John W., who died in infancy.

In the fall of 1868 Mr. Roberts, with his family, came to Iowa and settled on a farm seven miles north east of Prairie City, and where he lived until the spring of 1887, when he located at Monroe, Iowa, residing there until 1899, when he came to Prairie City, and which has been his home ever since.

Grandpa Roberts, as he was affectionately known on the street, was a man of sterling qualities. Always cheerful, and by reason of this he "grew old beautifully." Of him it could be truthfully said: "Beautiful in life, and beautiful in death."

He was a Christian man, and believed that the steps of a good man, though they may not always follow the paths he would himself have chosen, are ordered by the Lord. For more than forty years he was a follower of Christ, and served in various capacities in the church. A few days before his passing he remarked that there were three things of which he was never ashamed: his age, his politics, and his religion. There was a gentle dignity and kindliness in his manner that made his life serene and attractive, and fellowship with him delightful and profitable.

On December 5, 1921, Mr. Roberts celebrated the eighty-ninth anniversary of his birthday, in the home of his son, Edward, with whom he has made his home the last five years. He had with him on this occasion his three sons and their wives, his two daughters and their husbands. He was in excellent health and in full possession of his faculties. About two weeks ago he contracted a severe cold, but was making a rapid recovery when, without any known cause, the end came suddenly and without a struggle. He passed out just as he desired.

He is survived by four children; nineteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; one sister, two brothers, and a wide circle of appreciative friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the local Methodist church, of which he was a member for many years, by the pastor, Rev. D. J. McKay. Rev. E. G. Williams, assisted by members of Preston Lodge 218 A.F.M., of which the deceased was a member for a number of years, conducted the beautiful and impressive funeral rites of that order. A mixed quartet sang several consoling and inspiring selections. The floral tribute was beautiful. The remains were interred in the family lot at the side of his wife, who preceded him in death five years ago.

Card of Thanks

We take this means to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been so kind and helpful to us in our bereavement. We are especially grateful to Rev. Doctor Williams, of Colfax, Iowa, for his loving personal tribute to our departed father; and to the Masonic brothers for their expressions of esteem and devotion to his memory; and to the singers

Received from a 4th great granddaughter of Edward[1], through his grandson, John Roberts[14], who wishes to not be identified. She identified the source as *Prairie City (IA) News*, pg. 1. Date unknown, but would have likely been between 28 and 31 Jan 1922.

Figure 14.30

John Roberts[14] Real Property at Death & Distribution to Heirs

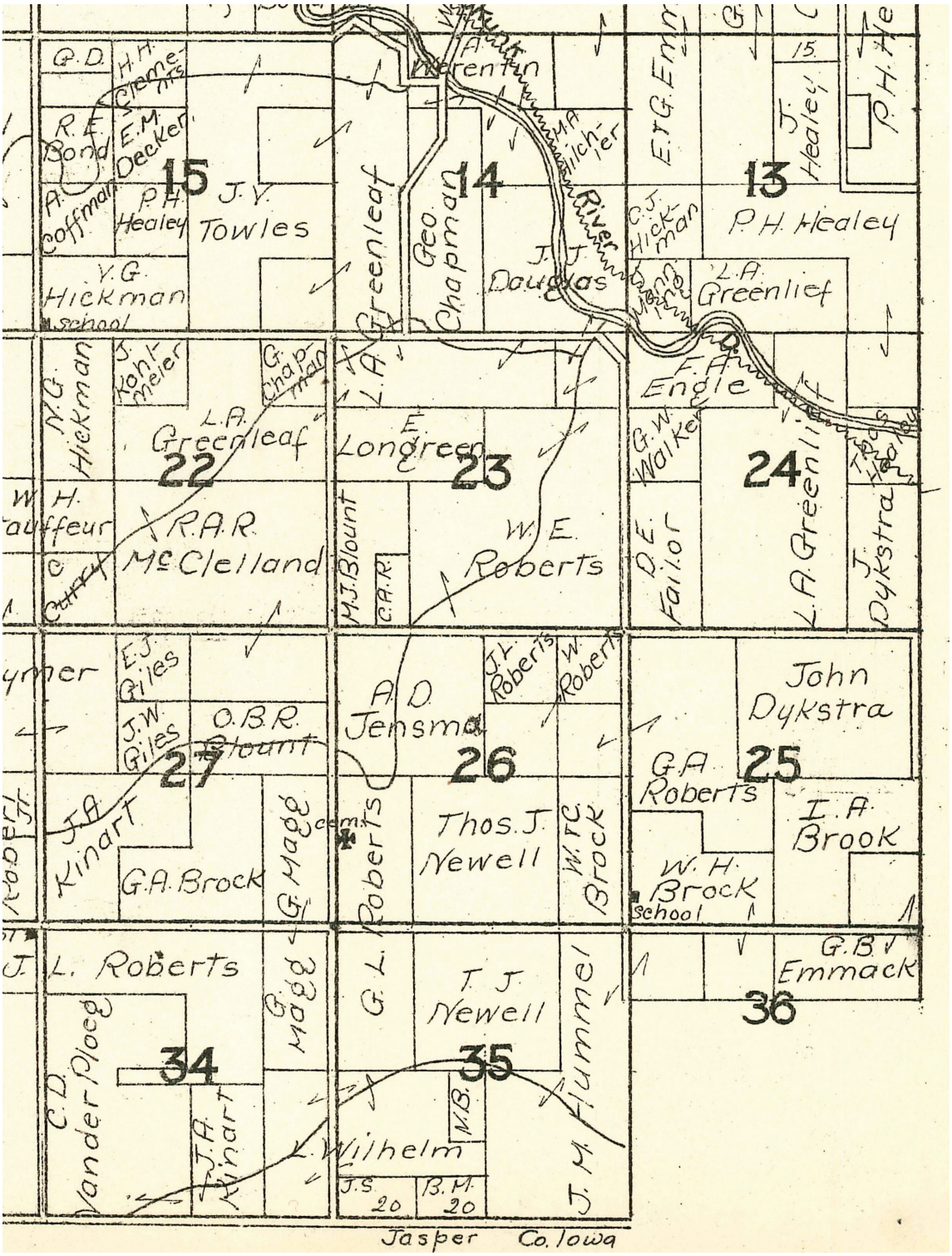


John Roberts real property holdings as described in *Report of Inheritance Tax Appraisers* filed 26 Jan 1923 (Appendix 14.1: Probate Record Book 38, Page 100) and distribution to his heirs (from Figure 14.31). Image downloaded 5 Mar 2021. © 2021 Google.

1. W/2 SW/4, Section 23, Township 79 North, Range 20 West – Distributed to Mary Jane and George Anthony
2. W/2 SE/4 SW/4, Section 23, Township 79 North, Range 20 West – Distributed to William Edward
3. SW/4 SE/4, Section 23, Township 79 North, Range 20 West – Distributed to William Edward
4. E/2 NW/4 SE/4, Section 23, Township 79 North, Range 20 West – Distributed to William Edward
5. NW/4 NE/4, Section 26, Township 79 North, Range 20 West – Distributed to Jason Lee
6. SE/4 NE/4, Section 26, Township 79 North, Range 20 West – Distributed to George Anthony

Figure 14.31

1930 Plat Map – Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa



Excerpt from Plat Book of Jasper County, Iowa, 1930. W. W. Hixson & Co., Rockford, Illinois, 1930. University of Iowa Digital Libraries (https://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/islandora/object/ui%3Ahixson_881 : accessed 22 Nov 2021).

Appendix 14.1

Transcription of Probate Records

Records received 22 Oct 2019 from Jasper County District Court, Jasper County Courthouse, 101 1st Street North, Newton, Iowa.

Probate Record Book 37, Page 241

Matter of Estate of John Roberts — Proof of death and petition for letters of administration filed February 6th 1922. Date of death, January 27th 1922.

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Letters of administration issued to W. E. Roberts, February 6th, 1922, with order for giving notice of appointment by posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Court House at Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.

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Notice of appointment of administrator and proof of posting, filed February 6th, 1922.

PROOF OF POSTING.

State of Iowa, Jasper County, SS:

I, W. E. Roberts, being duly sworn, do depose and say that on the 6th day of February, 1922, I posted on the Bulletin Board in the Court House at Newton, Iowa, an exact duplicate of the within notice of my appointment as administrator of the estate of John Roberts, deceased, said posting being in pursuance of the order made in said case by the Clerk of the District Court of Jasper County Iowa on Feby. 6, 1922.

W. E. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by W. E. Roberts, this 6th day of February, 1922.

(SEAL) Frank Wilson, Clerk Dist. Court.

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Inventory filed February 17th, 1922

Comes now W. E. Roberts, administrator of said estate, and files the following inventory of the Personal Estate of said decedent:

STATEMENT OF HEIRS.

W. E. Roberts, son, 64, Prairie City, Iowa; J. L. Roberts, son, 62, Newton, Iowa; G. A. Roberts, son, 60, Prairie City, Iowa; Mary J. Roberts Blount, daughter, 58, Des Moines, Iowa.

NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.

W. E. Roberts, three notes, principal and interest,	$	624.70
State Bank Certificate,		710.20
War Savings Stamps,		130.00

Cash in Bank at time of Decease, $46.08

I, W. E. Roberts, administrator do hereby certify that the above is a correct inventory of the Personal Estate of John Roberts, deceased. Given under my hand this 16th day of February, 1922.

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Matter of Estate of John Roberts — Supplemental Inventory filed March 3rd, 1922.

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Comes now W. E. Roberts, administrator of the above named estate and respectfully states to the court the following facts: Since the filing of the original inventory in this estate, other property has come to the attention of the administrator which is now listed as part of the assets of the estate as follows:

Accrued rent, being 11/12 of the total rent for the year ending March 1, 1922, which total rent was $720.00, $ 660.00

Liberty Bonds, par value, $1000.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Roberts, Administrator.

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Preliminary Inheritance Tax Report, filed March 3rd, 1922.

BENEFICIARIES.

W. E. Roberts, 64, son, Prairie City, Iowa; J. L. Roberts, 62, son, Newton, Iowa; G. A. Roberts, 60, son, Prairie City, Iowa; Mary J. Roberts Blount, 58, daughter, Des Moines, Iowa.

INVENTORY OF REAL PROPERTY.

W 1/2 of SW 1/4, Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Rng. 20, 80 acres
W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Rng. 20, 20 acres.
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Rng. 20, 40 acres.
E 1/2 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Rng. 20, 20 acres
NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 26, Twp. 79, Rng. 20, 40 acres
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 26, Twp. 79, Rng. 20, 40 acres

Estimated Value of Real Property, $36000.00

ESTIMATE OF VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Money on deposit,		$46.08
Book accounts, accrued rent (11/12 of $720, rent for year ending 3/1/22),		660.00
Securities--		
Bonds (including interest accrued at time of death) par value,	$1000.00	
War Savings Stamps, maturity value,	150.00	
Notes (including interest accrued at time of death),	624.70	
Certificates of deposit (including interest accrued at time of death),	710.20	
Total securities,		$1684.90
Miscellaneous property including wearing apparel		80.00
Total personal property,		$2470.98

Did the decedent during his life time by a request secret or otherwise make any disposition of his estate to become effective at his death? *Yes.*

If the above question is answered "yes" specify fully.

Deeded the land listed above and disposed of the bonds listed above both to become effective upon his death.

Did the decedent by deed, grant, sale, gift or transfer of any nature convey any of his property in contemplation of death, or transfer any property wherein possession or enjoyment was not to be given the transferee until after the death of transferer? *Yes*

If the above question is answered "yes" then specify the property thus transferred and to whom.
See answer to preceding question concerning land and bonds.

The gross debts of this estate are estimated at $1100.00

State of Iowa, Jasper County, SS:

I W. E. Roberts, being first duly sworn depose and say, that I am the above named administrator and that I am acquainted with the facts and statements contained in the foregoing report and that they are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. E. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to by W. E. Roberts before me this 3rd day of March, 1922.

(SEAL) A. E. Hindorff, Notary Public

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Matter of Estate of John Roberts — Notice of Time and Place of Appraisement for Inheritance Tax Purposes, and acceptance of service by W. J. Burbank, Treasurer of State on January 12th, 1923, filed January 13th, 1923.

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Matter of Estate of John Roberts — Report of Inheritance Tax Appraisers filed January 26th, 1923.

INVENTORY AND APPRAISMENT BILL
Schedule A--Real Property

W 1/2, S.W. 1/4,	Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Range 20)	
W 1/2, S. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4,	Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Range 20)	
S. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4	Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Range 20)	Appraised Value
E 1/2, N.W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4,	Sec. 23, Twp. 79, Range 20)	$40,000.00
N.W. 1/4, N.E. 1/4,	Sec. 26, Twp. 79, Range 20)	
S.E. 1/4, N.E. 1/4,	Sec. 26, Twp. 79, Range 20)	

Total value of Real Property in Schedule A, $40,000.00

Schedule B--Personal Property

Money on Deposit, $46.08	Appraised Value,	$ 46.08
Book accounts, rent $660.00,	Appraised Value,	660.00
Bonds, Liberty,	Appraised Value,	1000.00
War Savings Stamps,	Appraised Value,	150.00
Notes, $100, Int. $1.15; $207, Int. $7.75; $300, Int. $8.75,	Appraised Value,	624.65
Certificates of Deposit,	Appraised Value,	710.26
Miscellaneous personal property,	Appraised Value,	80.00
	Total Value of Schedule B,	$3270.99

We, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that we are the duly appointed appraisers in the county and state aforesaid, of property charged or sought to be charged with the payment of an Inheritance Tax, and that we have faithfully and impartially, and without prejudice appraised the property set out in the foregoing inventory at what we believe to be its fair market value, as indicated in the column marked "Appraised Value." Dated this 25 day of January, 1923.

G. H. Warner)
E. J. Failor) Appraisers
H. C. Korf)

Subscribed and sworn to by the above named appraisers before me this 25 day of Jan. 1923.

(SEAL) E. O. Korf, Notary Public.

Probate Record Book 38, Page 146

Matter of Estate of John Roberts — Hearing on final report set for first day of April 1923 Term of this Court. Notice of hearing to be given by posting one notice on bulletin board at Court House, ten days before time set for hearing.

Probate Record Book 38, Pages 161 & 162

Matter of Estate of John Roberts — Administrator's final report and petition for discharge filed March 10th, 1923.
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes on estate property for 1921, paid in 1922,		$ 268.95
Taxes for 1922 on estate property, paid in 1923		267.32
Board and extra care for decedent just prior to his death,		195.00
Minister at funeral,		10.00
Dr. Peter Herny, medical care for decedent,		31.25
Phone bills in connection with funeral,		6.90

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Undertaker's bill,		$ 465.00
Subscription to M. E. Church at Prairie City, Iowa,		10.00
Court costs paid,		28.50
Administrator's compensation,		118.00
Fees of Cross & Hamill, attorneys for administrator,		118.00

Distributed to W. E. Roberts:

Liberty Bonds,	$ 250.00	
Accrued rent,	165.00	
Cash,	6.38	
Clothing etc.,	20.00	
Total		$ 441.38

Distributed to J. L. Roberts:

Liberty Bonds,	$ 250.00	
Accrued rent,	165.00	
Cash,	6.39	
Clothing etc.,	20.00	
Total		$ 441.39

Distributed to G. A. Roberts:

Liberty Bonds,	$ 250.00	
Accrued rent,	165.00	
Cash,	6.38	
Clothing etc.,	20.00	
Total		$ 441.38

Distributed to Mary J. Blount:

Liberty Bonds,	$ 250.00	
Accrued rent,	165.00	
Cash,	6.39	
Clothing etc.,	20.00	
Total		$ 441.39

Total accounted for,	$3284.46

Vouchers are hereto attached showing the disbursements above reported. The estate has been fully and fairly administered and nothing further remains to be done in connection therewith. The administrator therefore prays that upon the presentation of this report, the court fix a time and place for hearing thereon and prescribe the notice to be given of such hearing: and that upon final hearing, this report and the doings herein set out be approved and confirmed, the administrator discharged and the sureties on his bond released.

Cross & Hamill
Attorneys for the Administrator

State of Iowa, Jasper County, SS:

I, W. E. Roberts, being first duly sworn, on oath state that I am the administrator making the foregoing final report, that I have read the same and know the contents thereof and that the statements therein made and contained are true as I verily believe.

W. E. Roberts

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 16th day of February, 1923.

(SEAL) John E. Cross, Notary Public

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Proof of posting notice of final report filed March 10th, 1923

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State of Iowa, Jasper County, SS:

I J. E. Cross being first duly sworn, do depose and say that on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1923, I posted an exact copy of the within notice of the final report in the estate of John Roberts on the Bulletin Board at the Court House in Newton, Iowa, said posting being in pursuance of the order made in said case, by the District Court of Jasper County, Iowa, on the 10 day of March A. D. 1923.

J. E. Cross

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said J. E. Cross this 10th day of March A. D. 1923.

(SEAL) Frank Wilson, Clerk District Court
By Florence E. Altemeier, Deputy.

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Matter of Estate of John Roberts	Final report approved, administrator discharged and sureties on bond released.

15. MARANDA (b. 2 Dec 1834, d. 24 Apr 1917)

Birth: 2 Dec 1834 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: 14 Feb 1864 to James Henry Clay Demaree in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 18 Sep 1830 in Indiana, likely Ripley County; d. 7 Jun 1904 in Shelby Twp., Ripley County, Indiana).

- _____ Demaree
  - b. & d. abt. 1865.
- Emma J. Demaree
  - b. 1866 in Indiana, likely, Ripley County.
  - m. 19 Oct 1884 to Warren Collins in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 24 Mar 1863; d. 29 Jun 1898).
  - d. 30 Apr 1886 in Indiana, likely, Ripley County.
- Anna Belle Demaree
  - b. 30 May 1867 in Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 4 Feb 1897 to Hiram Taylor in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois (b. 26 Jun 1868 in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois; d. 2 Aug 1946 in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois).
  - d. 10 Jul 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- James H. Demaree
  - b. 23 Jun 1869 in Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 1894 to Daisy Gray in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana (b. 26 May 1879 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana; d. 9 Jul 1936 in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky).
  - d. 13 Jun 1930 in Seymour, Jackson County, Indiana.
- Jesse Edward Demaree
  - b. 29 Jul 1873 in Versailles, Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. abt. 1895 to Ida Mae Moore, likely in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 27 May 1878 in Ripley County, Indiana; d. 22 Sep 1949 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. 9 Apr 1947 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
- Rose May Demaree
  - b. 21 Feb 1876 in Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 2 Mar 1898 to Arthur Taylor in Warren County, Illinois (b. 9 Jan 1873 in Roseville, Warren County, Indiana; d. 24 Aug 1951 in Monmouth, Warren County, Indiana).
  - d. 31 May 1955 in Blandinsville, McDonough County, Illinois.
- Dora Francis Demaree
  - b. 3 Feb 1879 in Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 1894 to John Robert Moore, likely in Ripley County, Indiana (b. 29 Sep 1873 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana; d. 13 Nov 1947 in North Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana).

- d. 27 Feb 1967 in Westport, Decatur County, Indiana.

Death: 24 Apr 1917 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.

Maranda was the fifth child of John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts. She was born 2 Dec 1834, and all available records in which a location is identified state her birth was in Switzerland County, Indiana. This is probably correct, based on census records. The 1830 census for Switzerland County which appears to most closely reflect the John S. Roberts[4] family identifies the following individuals in the household:[1,2]

- Male < 5 – 1 [Charles[12]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 2 [William[11] and either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 1 [either Edward[9] or Elijah[10]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John[4]]
- Female < 5 – 1 [Sarah[13]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 1 [Unknown]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

This record also suggests an unknown daughter may have been born to John and Jane shortly after their marriage, with her death prior to the 1840 census since she does not appear to be in that, or subsequent, census records.

The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that Maranda's father was engaged in agriculture.[3]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Maranda's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, her parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[4,5,6]

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[1] Figure 15.1. Maranda (Roberts) Demaree[15] Headstone.
[2] See Figure 4.2. 1830 United States Federal Census – Switzerland County, Indiana.
[3] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[5] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[6] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.

About May 1847, Maranda's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. Maranda is found living in the family home in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana for the 1850 and 1860 census. Neither census indicates she attended school during the past year, so we do not know the extent of her education. Growing up on her father's farm, she most likely spent a significant portion of her time with chores around the house and the farm. On 12 May 1861, she joined the West Fork Baptist Church by baptism, with brothers Edward[17] and Henry[18].[7,8,9,10]

On 14 Feb 1864, at 29 years of age, she married James Henry Clay Demaree, probably in Jefferson County. After their marriage, the Demaree family lived on a farm in Shelby Township, Ripley County through at least 1880. James' occupation is shown as either "farm laborer" or "laborer" for the 1870 and 1880 census, respectively, which may suggest he did not own the land on which they lived, but may have paid rent or helped run the farm and raise crops in exchange. The 1870 census does not provide an estimate of the value of real estate owned by James, but states the value of his personal estate is $100. The 1863 tax assessment shows James was taxed $0.20 for one horned cow but does not identify his occupation. In addition to the farm, it appears James was also a store owner of some sort as the 1864 and 1865 tax assessments show his occupation as "2nd class peddler" or "Retail dealer" for which he was taxed $8.33 in 1864 and $35.00 in 1865. All of these together, seem to suggest the Demaree family may have been of modest means.[11,12,13,14]

James was married once prior to Maranda – to Mary Elizabeth "Emeline" Smith on 28 Feb 1856 in Jefferson County, Indiana. Three children were born to this union:

- Caroline (b. abt. 1857. Death presumed bef. 1870)
- Mary Jane (b. 26 Jan 1859, d. 20 Apr 1924)
- William H. (b. 31 Dec 1860, d. 5 Nov 1937)

While no death records for Mary have been found, my presumption is that she passed away bef. 1864 since all of her children were living with James and Maranda for the 1870 census.

By 1900, we find that Maranda was no longer in the Demaree home, but was living with daughters, Dora and Rose. Why might this be? There are a few clues.

- On 15 Oct 1893, a Roberts family reunion with most of Maranda's living siblings was held at the home of her brother, Jeremiah[16], in Holton, Indiana. Maranda attended with her children, James, Jesse, and Dora Francis, but husband James did not. Other attendees included Sarah[13]; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; Henry[18]; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles[12] was unable to attend.[15]

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[7] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[8] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[9] See Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[10] Figure 15.2. Excerpt from West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda[15], Edward[17] and Henry S.[18] Roberts Received into Membership.
[11] Figure 15.3. Maranda Roberts[15] and James Henry Clay Demaree Marriage Record.
[12] Figure 15.4. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[13] Figure 15.5. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[14] Figure 15.6. 1863, 1864, and 1865 Tax Assessments – Ripley County, Indiana.
[15] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).

- Maranda's husband, James, passed away 7 Jun 1904 in Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana of Bright's Disease. The *Versailles (IN) Republican* noted on 8 Jun 1904 that James' son, Jesse, was called to the Ripley County Poor Farm due to his father's death. Based on what is known of James, he was not a wealthy man, and by the time of the 1893 family reunion, his health may have deteriorated to the point Maranda was no longer able to care for him and he was sent to the Poor Farm to be cared for.[16,17,18]

Interestingly, though, James is not listed in the 1900 census as residing at the Poor Farm, nor have I found him in any other census record for that year, so his whereabouts in 1900 is not positively known. He also appears to have died intestate, as I have been unable to find any will or probate records for him.

The 1900 census for Maranda is confusing, as she is listed in the records twice, and information about her in those records is conflicting.

- The record enumerated on 1 Jun 1900 shows her in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana with daughter Dora Francis and her family. Maranda is identified as mother-in-law to head of household John Moore, born Dec 1855, 54 years of age, a widower who had been married for 36 years, and having two children born to her, with both living.[19]
- The record enumerated 10 Jun 1900 shows her in Roseville, Warren County, Illinois with daughter Rose and her family. Here, Maranda is identified as mother-in-law to head of household Arthur Taylor, born Dec 1835, 64 years of age, currently married for 36 years, and having seven children born to her, with five living.[20]

We know the Maranda Demaree shown in both records is the same individual because other records for daughters Dora Francis and Rose verify that these are the correct 1900 census records for both of them. The Roseville record is the most accurate for what we know of Maranda's age, birth, marital status, and children. The Holton record is correct with respect to Maranda's years of marriage, but clearly incorrect with respect to her birth year and age. Based on Maranda's birth year shown in the Holton record, she would have been 9 years old when she married; however, based on her listed age, she would have been 18 years old when she married.

In 1910, Maranda was living with daughter, Dora, and her family in Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana. She passed away on 24 Apr 1917 in Holton, Indiana of Hemiplegia. Son Jesse was the informant on her death certificate. Her obituary notes she had seven children born to her, with five living at the time of her death. Her obituary also notes she joined West Fork Baptist Church at 14 years of age and remained a member until she moved to Holton, Indiana. There, she joined the Holton Christian Church and was a member until her death. Her obituary names two of

[16] Figure 15.7. James Henry Clay Demaree Death Certificate.
[17] Figure 15.8. James Demaree Death Announcement.
[18] Appendix 15.1 contains a brief history of the Poor Farm, information about its cemetery, and the 1900 census for the Poor Farm.
[19] Figure 15.9. 1900 United States Federal Census – Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
[20] Figure 15.10. 1900 United States Federal Census – Roseville, Warren County, Illinois.

her three step-children who survive her: William Demaree of Madison, Indiana and Mary Jane (Demaree) Robinson of Gibbon, Nebraska. Maranda's burial took place on 26 Apr 1917 in the Holton Cemetery.[21,22,23,24]

Discrepancies about the Demaree Children

Maranda and James had six known children: Emma J., Anna Belle, James H., Jesse Edward, Rose May, and Dora Francis; however, there are discrepancies in the records about a seventh child.

- Maranda's obituary states she had seven children, with five living at the time of her death.[25]
- The 1870 and 1880 census for Ripley County, Indiana account for Maranda's and James' six known children, plus James' three children from his previous marriage.
- The 1900 census for Warren County, Illinois, in which Maranda is listed with daughter Rose and her family, states she had seven children, with five living.
- The 1900 census for Ripley County, Indiana, in which Maranda is listed with daughter Frances and her family, states she had only two children, with both living.
- The 1910 census notes she had six children, with five living.

Census records, while extremely valuable, are oftentimes not 100% accurate as there was no requirement for the census taker to actually speak with members of the family being enumerated. It was perfectly acceptable to complete a census record for a particular household by speaking with neighbors or whomever may have been present at the home at the time (e.g. a family friend or some other family member not residing in the household). Obituaries are subject to their own errors; however, if there is evidence of who wrote the obituary, this can help us decide the accuracy of the information. In Maranda's case, her obituary includes a "Card of Thanks" from her children. From this, it is likely her children wrote the accompanying obituary and would have had direct knowledge of events. Because Maranda's obituary notes that she had seven children, this is probably an accurate accounting. When might this seventh child have been born?

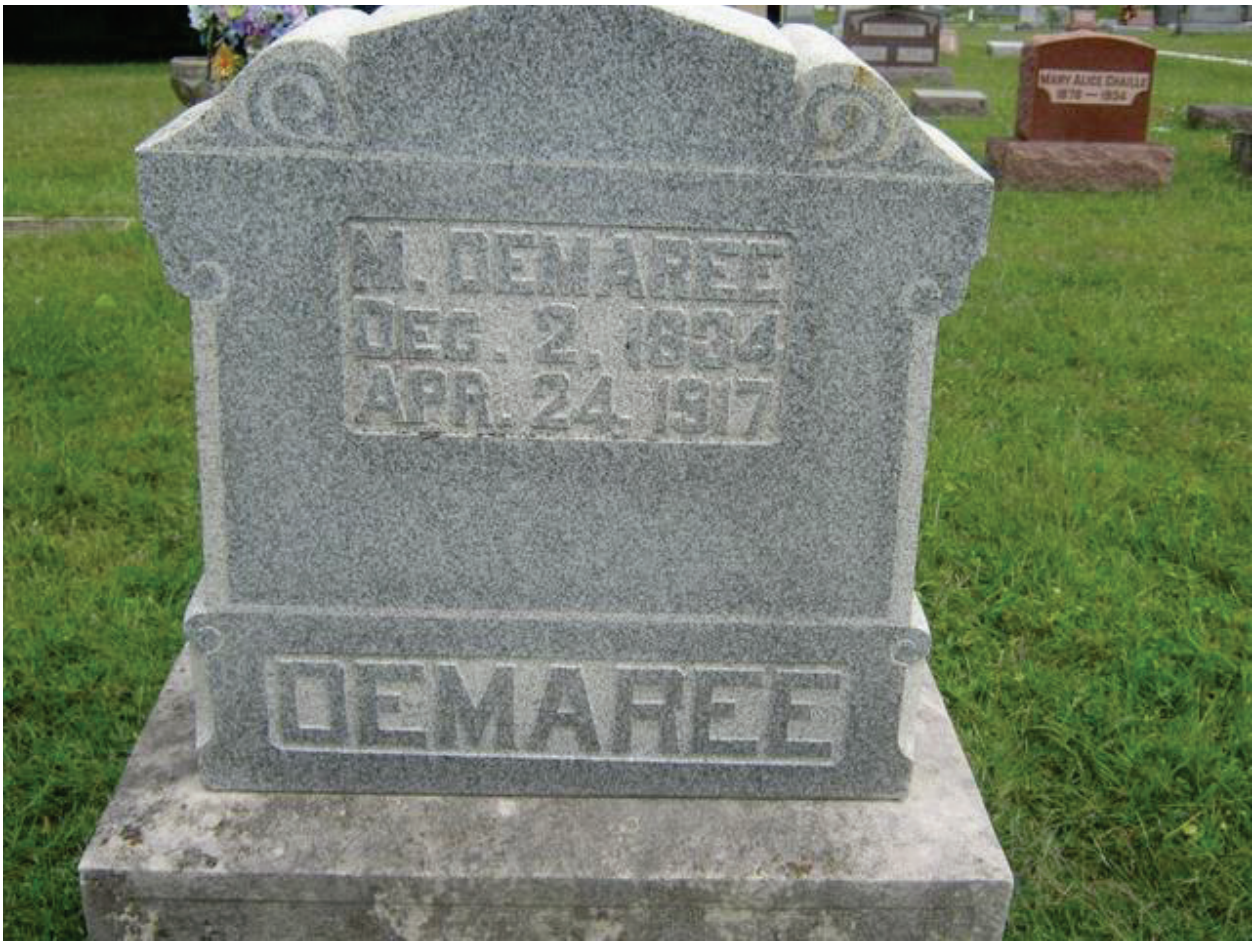
Couples generally began building their families immediately after marriage; however, according to currently-available records, Maranda's and James' oldest known child, Emma J., was born two years after their marriage. While we cannot be positive until additional records are found, it is reasonable to conclude their seventh child was probably born and died about 1865, and would have been their oldest child.

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[21] Figure 15.11. 1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[22] Figure 15.12. Maranda (Roberts) Demaree[15] Death Certificate.
[23] Figure 15.13. Maranda (Roberts) Demaree[15] Obituary.
[24] The third step-child, Caroline, is found only in the 1860 census for Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana with father, James, and mother, Emeline (Smith) Demaree. At this time, she was three years old, placing her birth abt. 1857. Though James and Maranda had married in 1864, Caroline is not found in the 1870 census with the family. I am presuming her death occurred prior to the 1870 census; however, more research is needed.
[25] Living children are: Anna Belle, James H., Jesse Edward, Rose May, and Dora Francis. Deceased children would be: Emma J. and an unknown child.

Figure 15.1

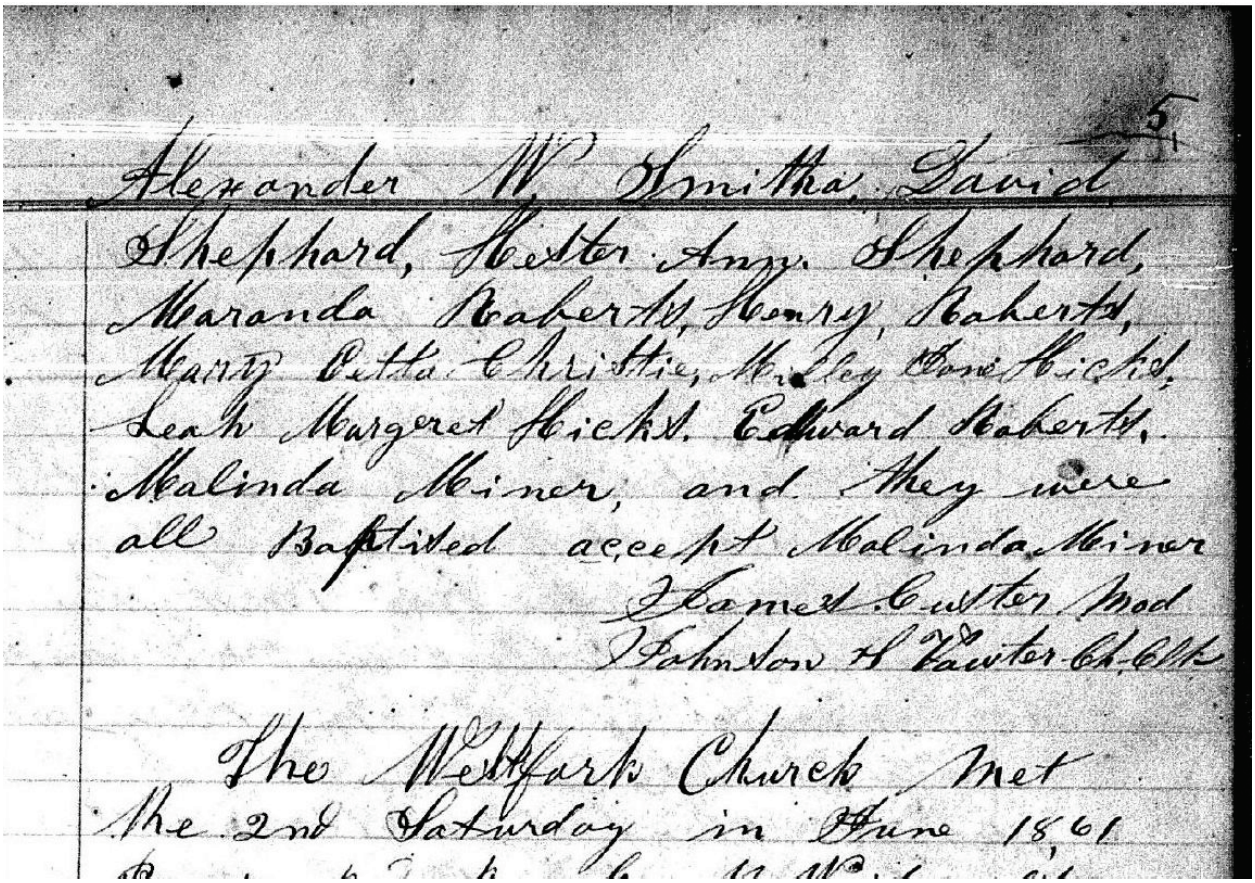
Maranda (Roberts) Demaree[15] Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30078130/maranda-demaree : accessed 23 November 2021), memorial page for Maranda Roberts Demaree (2 Dec 1834–24 Apr 1917), Find a Grave Memorial ID 30078130, citing Holton Cemetery, Holton, Ripley County, Indiana, USA ; Maintained by KDonley (contributor 46927786). Photo added 25 Sep 2008 by KDonley.

Figure 15.2

Excerpt from West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda[15], Edward[17] and Henry S.[18] Roberts Received into Membership



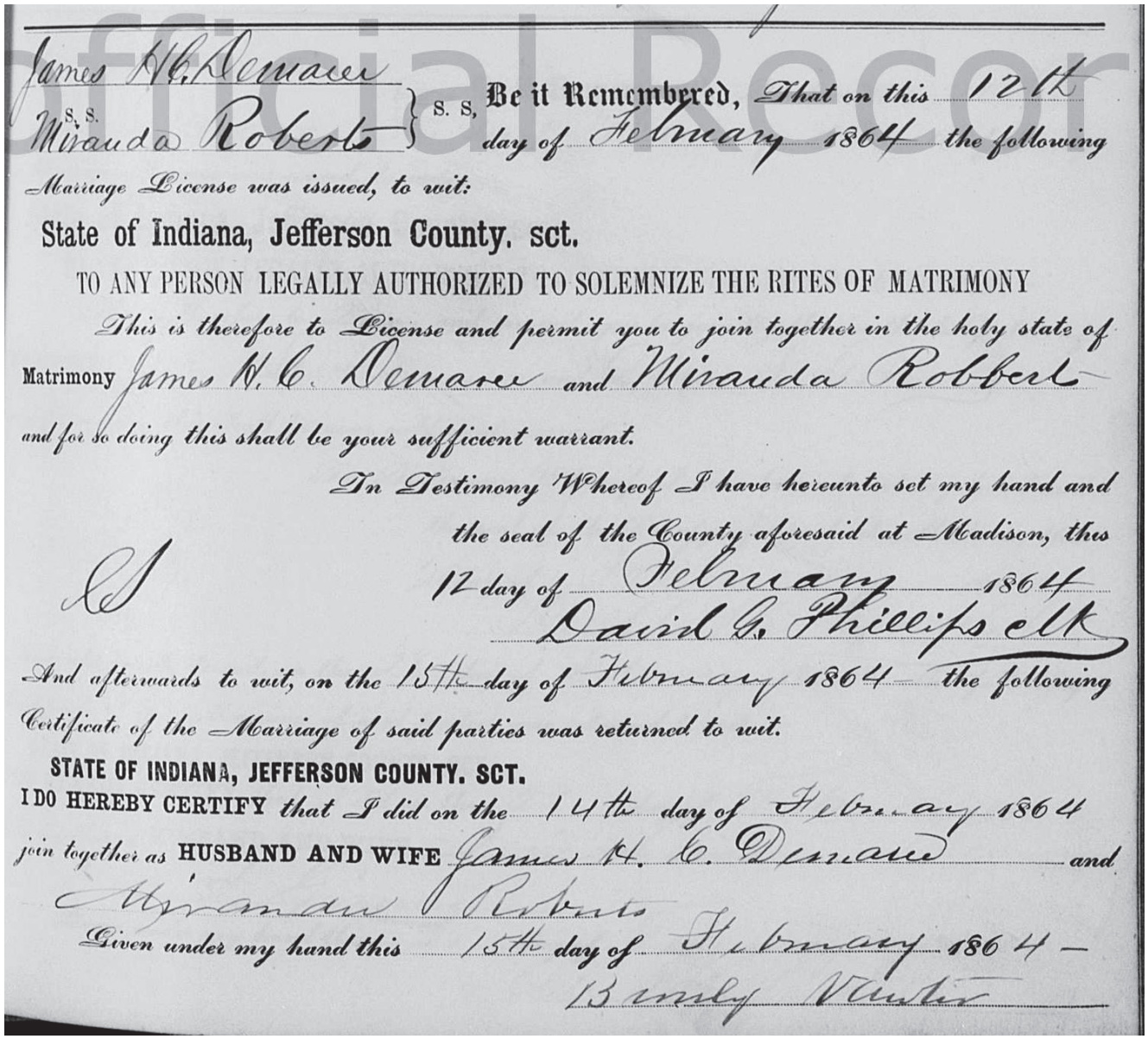
Alexander W. Smith & Daniel
Shephard, Hester Ann Shephard,
Maranda Roberts, Henry, Roberts,
Mary Etta Christie, Wiley Conn Hickel,
Leah Margeret Hickel. Edward Roberts,
Malinda Miner, and they were
all Baptized accept Malinda Miner
Elamer Cutter Mod
Johnson H Carter Ch. Clk

The Westfork Church Met
the 2nd Saturday in June 1861

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 15.3

Maranda Roberts[15] and James Henry Clay Demaree Marriage Record



James W. C. Demaree
Miranda Roberts
} S. S.

Be it Remembered, That on this 12th day of February 1864 the following Marriage License was issued, to wit:

State of Indiana, Jefferson County. sct.

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY

This is therefore to License and permit you to join together in the holy state of Matrimony James W. C. Demaree and Miranda Robbert and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the County aforesaid at Madison, this 12 day of February 1864

David G. Phillips clk

And afterwards to wit, on the 15th day of February 1864 the following Certificate of the Marriage of said parties was returned to wit.

STATE OF INDIANA, JEFFERSON COUNTY. SCT.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I did on the 14th day of February 1864 join together as HUSBAND AND WIFE James H. C. Demaree and Miranda Roberts

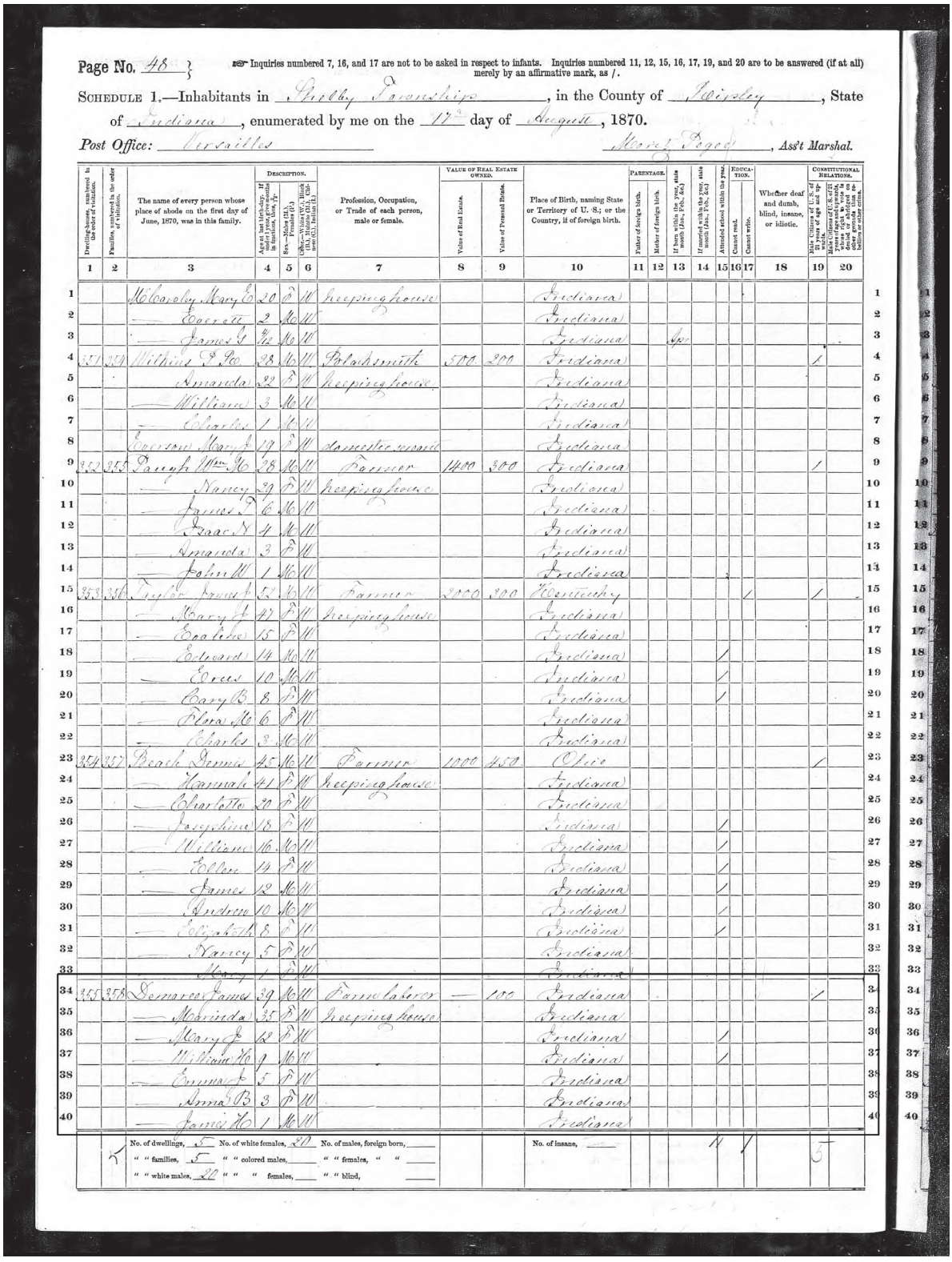
Given under my hand this 15th day of February 1864 —

Bundy Hunter

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-HLSJ-K5?i=279&cc=1410397 : accessed 21 Dec 2021), Jefferson > 1861-1865 > image 280 of 530.

Figure 15.4

1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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☞ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Ripley, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 17th day of August, 1870.

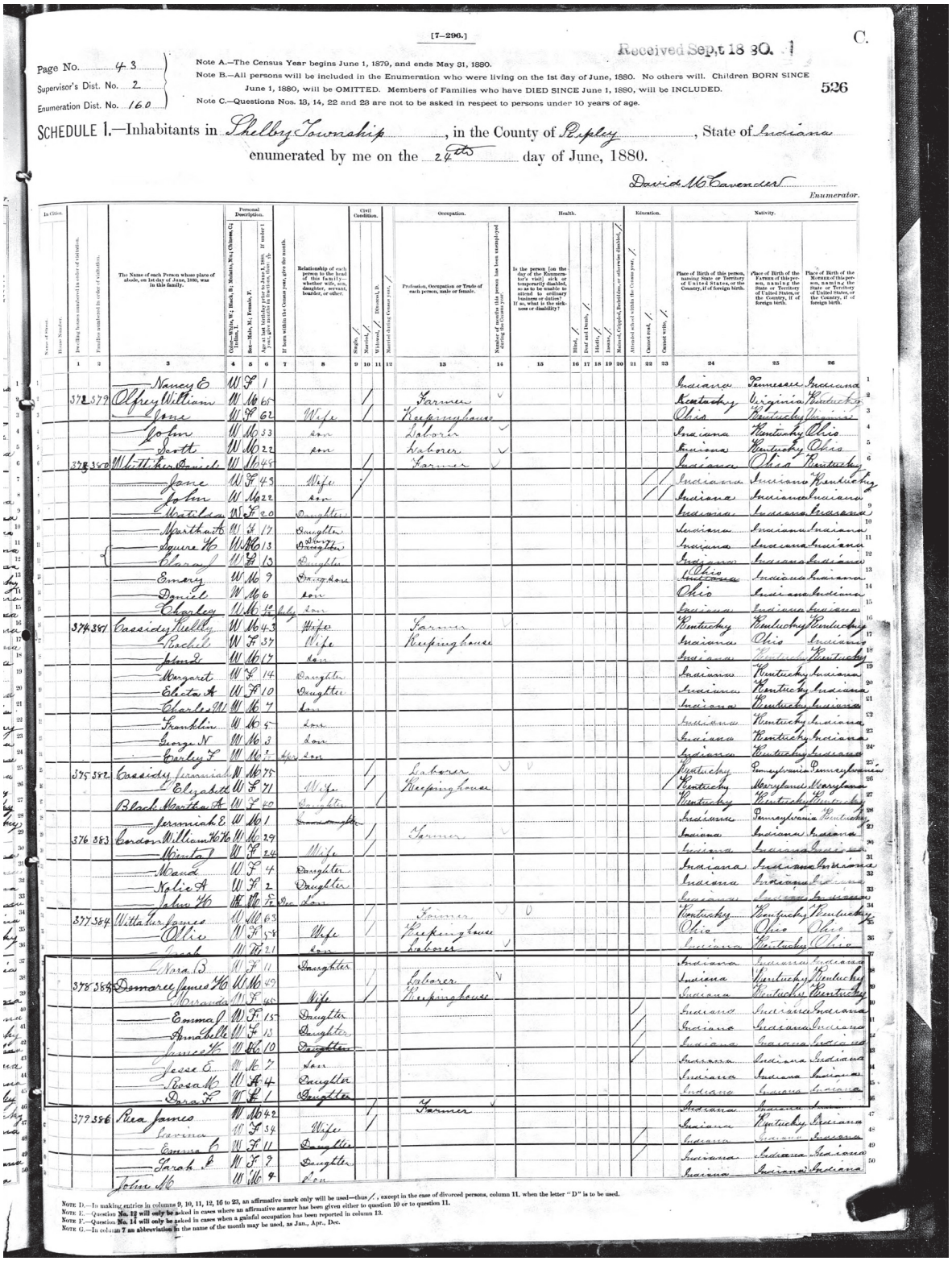
Post Office: Versailles — Henry Pogue, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description. Age at last Birthday. If under 1 year, Five months in fraction, date, &c.	Sex.—Males (M.); Females (F.)	Color.—White (W.); Black (B.); Mulatto (M.); Chinese (C.); Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage. Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education. Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations. Male citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age. Male citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age, naturalized or foreign-born, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		McCarley Mary E	20	F	W	keeping house			Indiana										
		Everett	2	M	W				Indiana										
		James S	4/12	M	W				Indiana			Apr							
351	354	Withins J Pa	38	M	W	Blacksmith	500	200	Indiana									1	
		Amanda	32	F	W	keeping house			Indiana										
		Williams	3	M	W				Indiana										
		Charles	1	M	W				Indiana										
		Corson Mary J	19	F	W	domestic servant			Indiana										
352	355	Pugh Wm H	28	M	W	Farmer	1400	300	Indiana									1	
		Nancy	29	F	W	keeping house			Indiana										
		James T	6	M	W				Indiana										
		Isaac N	4	M	W				Indiana										
		Amanda	3	F	W				Indiana										
		John M	1	M	W				Indiana										
353	356	Taylor James J	52	M	W	Farmer	2000	300	Kentucky							1		1	
		Mary J	47	F	W	keeping house			Indiana										
		Isabella	15	F	W				Indiana										
		Edward	14	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Erves	10	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Cary B	8	F	W				Indiana					1					
		Flora M	6	F	W				Indiana										
		Charles	3	M	W				Indiana										
354	357	Beach Dennis	45	M	W	Farmer	1000	450	Ohio									1	
		Hannah	41	F	W	keeping house			Indiana										
		Charlotte	20	F	W				Indiana										
		Josephine	18	F	W				Indiana					1					
		William	16	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Ellen	14	F	W				Indiana					1					
		James	12	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Andrew	10	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Elizabeth	8	F	W				Indiana					1					
		Nancy	5	F	W				Indiana										
		Mary	1	F	W				Indiana										
355	358	Demoree James	39	M	W	Farm Laborer	—	100	Indiana									1	
		Mariada	35	F	W	keeping house			Indiana										
		Mary J	12	F	W				Indiana					1					
		William H	9	M	W				Indiana					1					
		Emma J	5	F	W				Indiana										
		Anna B	3	F	W				Indiana										
		James H	1	M	W				Indiana										
	5	No. of dwellings, 5 — No. of white females, 20 — No. of males, foreign born, ____							No. of insane, ____				11	1			5	
		" " families, 5 — " " colored males, ____ — " " females, " " ____																	
		" " white males, 20 — " " " females, ____ — " " blind, ____																	

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Figure 15.5

1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Ripley, State of Indiana enumerated by me on the 24th day of June, 1880.

David M Cavender Enumerator.

In Ohio.	Name of Street. House Number.	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, Ch.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced, D.	Married during Census year.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1		1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Nancy E	W	F	1																			Indiana	Tennessee	Indiana
	372	379		Olfrey William	W	M	65				/				Farmer											Kentucky	Virginia	Kentucky
				Jane	W	F	62		Wife		/				Keeping house											Ohio	Kentucky	Virginia
				John	W	M	33		son						Laborer											Indiana	Kentucky	Ohio
				Scott	W	M	22		son						Laborer											Indiana	Kentucky	Ohio
	373	380		Whittiker Daniel	W	M	45				/				Farmer											Indiana	Ohio	Kentucky
				Jane	W	F	43		Wife		/															Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky
				John	W	M	22		son																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Matilda	W	F	20		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Martha A	W	F	17		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Squire H	W	M	13		Son																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Elora J	W	F	13		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Emery	W	M	9		Son																	Ohio	Indiana	Indiana
				Daniel	W	M	6		son																	Ohio	Indiana	Indiana
				Charley	W	M	1	July	Son																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
	374	381		Cassidy Reuben	W	M	43		Wife		/				Farmer											Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
				Rachel	W	F	37		Wife		/				Keeping house											Indiana	Ohio	Indiana
				John	W	M	17		son																	Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
				Margaret	W	F	14		Daughter																	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
				Electa A	W	F	10		Daughter																	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
				Charles M	W	M	7		Son																	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
				Franklin	W	M	5		Son																	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
				George N	W	M	3		Son																	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
				Carley F	W	M	3	Apr	Son																	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
	375	382		Cassidy Jeremiah	W	M	75				/				Laborer											Kentucky	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
				Elizabeth	W	F	71		Wife		/				Keeping house											Kentucky	Maryland	Maryland
				Black Martha A	W	F	40		Daughter			/														Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
				Jeremiah E	W	M	1		Grandson		/															Indiana	Pennsylvania	Kentucky
	376	383		Cordon William H	W	M	29				/				Farmer											Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Minta J	W	F	24		Wife		/															Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Maud	W	F	4		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Nelie A	W	F	2		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				John H	W	M	75	Dec	Son																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
	377	384		Wittaker James	W	M	63				/				Farmer											Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
				Ollie	W	F	58		Wife		/				Keeping house											Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
				Noah	W	M	21		Son						Laborer											Indiana	Kentucky	Ohio
				Nora B	W	F	11		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
	378	385		Demaree James H	W	M	49				/				Laborer											Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
				Miranda	W	F	46		Wife		/				Keeping house											Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky
				Emma J	W	F	15		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Amabelle	W	F	13		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				James H	W	M	10		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Jesse E	W	M	7		Son																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Rosa M	W	F	4		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Dora F	W	F	1		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
	379	386		Rea James	W	M	42				/				Farmer											Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Lavina	W	F	34		Wife		/															Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana
				Emma C	W	F	11		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Sarah P	W	F	9		Daughter																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				John M	W	M	4		Son																	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana

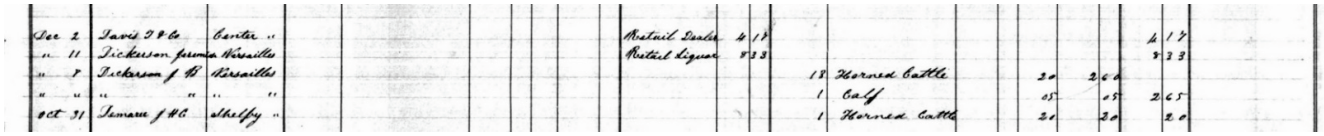
Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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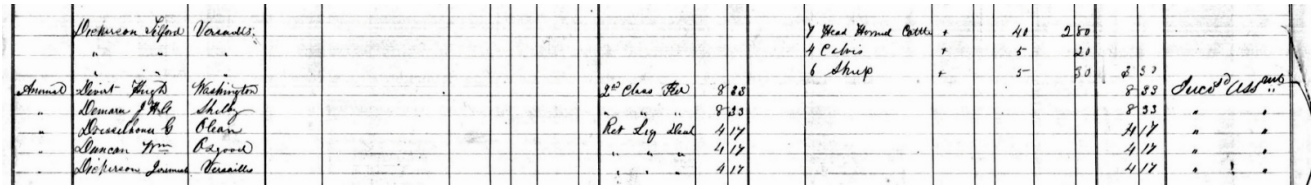
1863, 1864, and 1865 Tax Assessments – Ripley County, Indiana

1863 Assessment



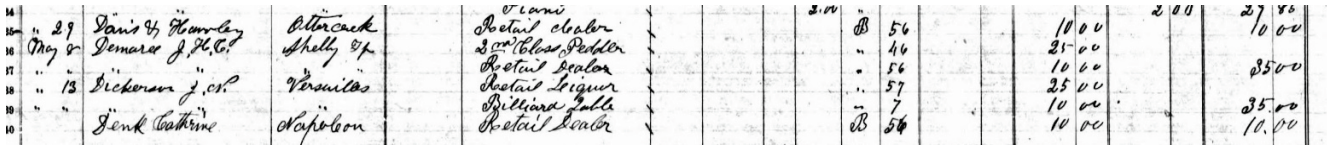
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1864 Assessment



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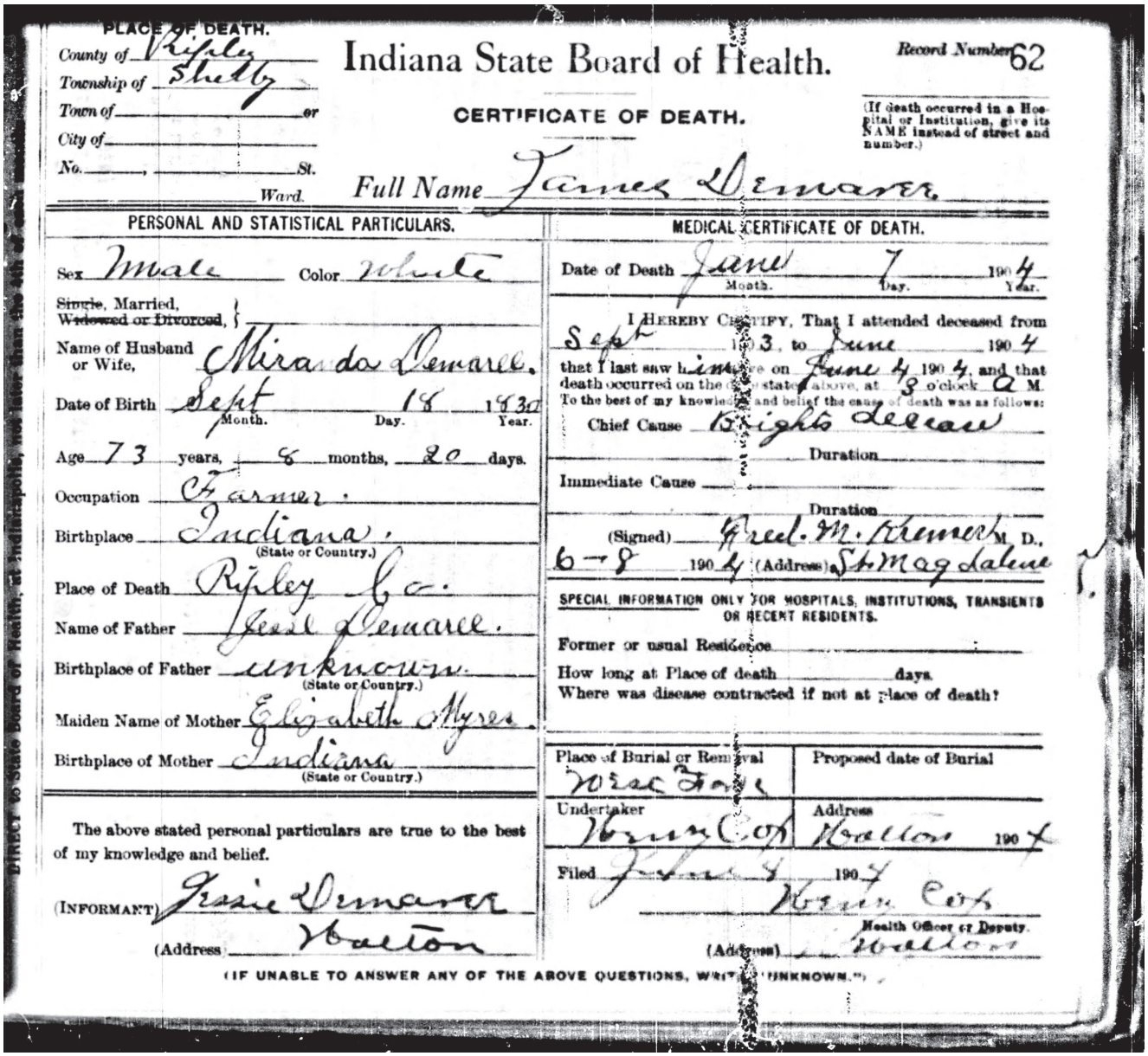
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Figure 15.7

James Henry Clay Demaree Death Certificate



PLACE OF DEATH.
County of Rifley
Township of Shelby
Town of ____ or
City of ____
No. ____ St. ____ Ward.

Indiana State Board of Health.

Record Number 62

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

Full Name James Demaree

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

Sex Male Color White
Single, Married, ~~Widowed or Divorced~~,
Name of Husband or Wife, Miranda Demaree.
Date of Birth Sept (Month.) 18 (Day.) 1830 (Year.)
Age 73 years, 8 months, 20 days.
Occupation Farmer.
Birthplace Indiana. (State or Country.)
Place of Death Rifley Co.
Name of Father Jesse Demaree.
Birthplace of Father unknown. (State or Country.)
Maiden Name of Mother Elizabeth Myres.
Birthplace of Mother Indiana (State or Country.)

The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(INFORMANT) Josie Demaree
(Address) Moulton

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Date of Death June (Month.) 7 (Day.) 1904 (Year.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept 1903, to June 1904
that I last saw him alive on June 4 1904, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 3 o'clock A M.
To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows:
Chief Cause Brights Disease Duration
Immediate Cause Duration

(Signed) Fred. M. Kremer M. D.,
6-8 1904 (Address) St Mary Salem

SPECIAL INFORMATION ONLY FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS.

Former or usual Residence
How long at Place of death days.
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Place of Burial or Removal	Proposed date of Burial
Mt Zion	
Undertaker Wm Cox	Address Moulton 1904

Filed June 4 1904
Wm Cox
Health Officer or Deputy.
(Address) Moulton

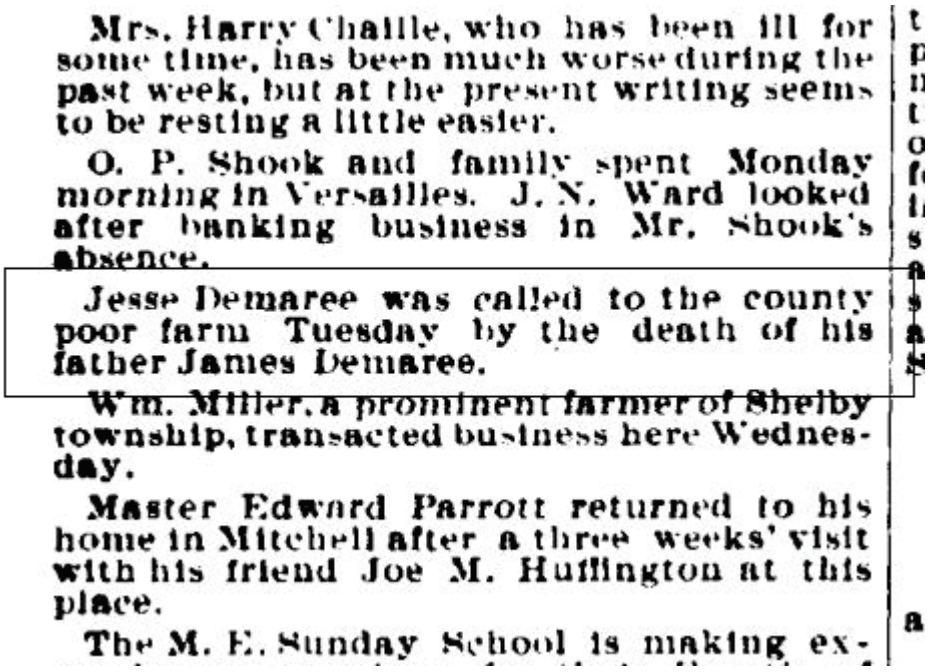
(IF UNABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, WRITE "UNKNOWN.")

DIRECTIONS TO STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, AT INDIANAPOLIS, MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN ONE ITEM ON EACH LINE.

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Figure 15.8

James Demaree Death Announcement



Mrs. Harry Challe, who has been ill for some time, has been much worse during the past week, but at the present writing seems to be resting a little easier.

O. P. Shook and family spent Monday morning in Versailles. J. N. Ward looked after banking business in Mr. Shook's absence.

Jesse Demaree was called to the county poor farm Tuesday by the death of his father James Demaree.

Wm. Miller, a prominent farmer of Shelby township, transacted business here Wednesday.

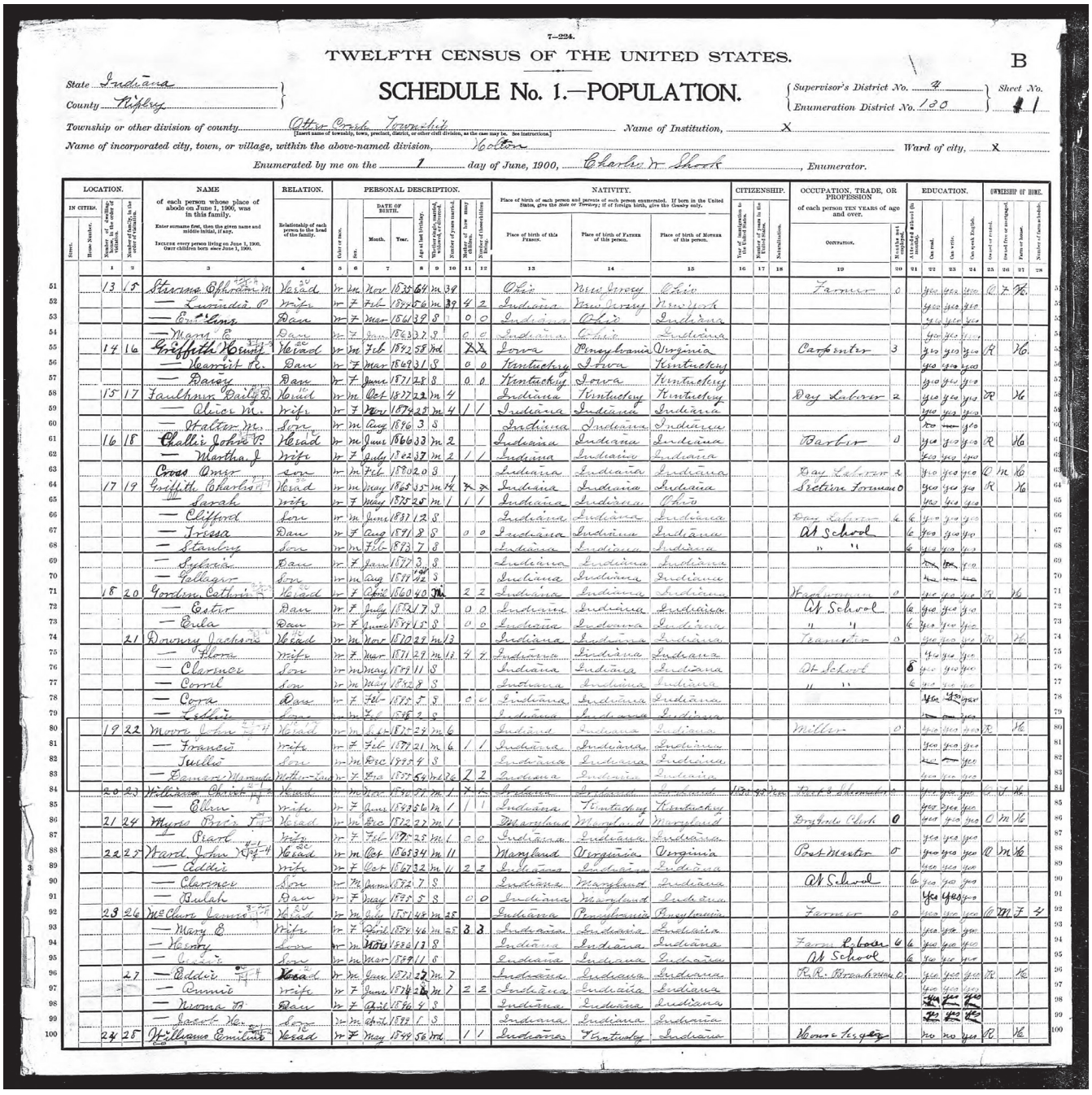
Master Edward Parrott returned to his home in Mitchell after a three weeks' visit with his friend Joe M. Huffington at this place.

The M. E. Sunday School is making ex-

Versailles (IN) Republican, 8 Jun 1904, Pg. 2 (newspaperarcive.com)

Figure 15.9

1900 United States Federal Census – Holton, Ripley County, Indiana



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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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State Indiana
County Ripley

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 4
Enumeration District No. 130

Sheet No. 1

Township or other division of county Otter Creek Township [Insert name of township, town, precinct, district, or other civil division, as the case may be. See Instructions.] Name of Institution, X

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Holton Ward of city, X

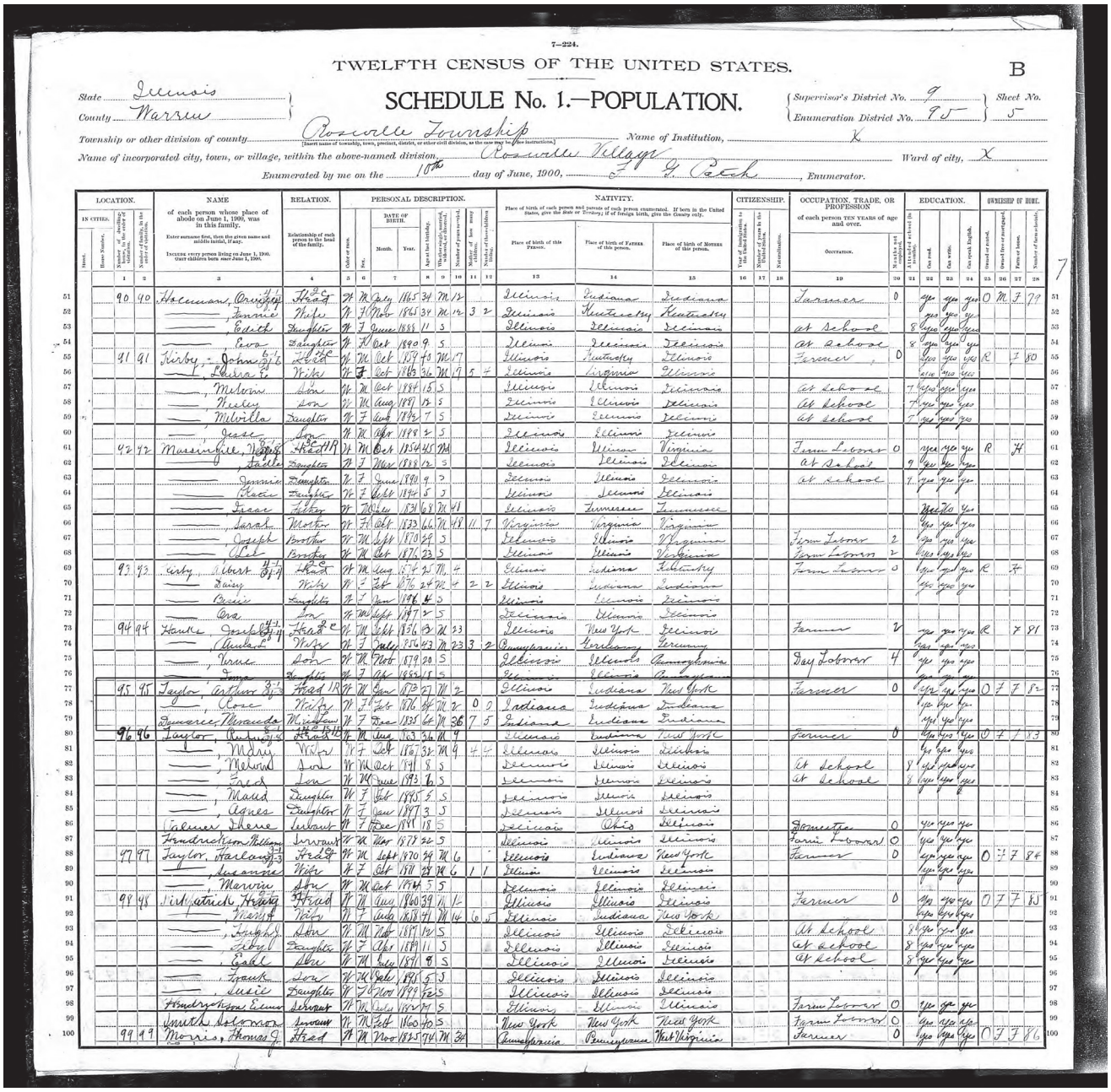
Enumerated by me on the 1 day of June, 1900, Charles M Shook, Enumerator.

LOCATION. IN CITIES. Street.	House Number.	Number of dwelling-house in the order of visitation.	Number of family in the order of visitation.	NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. INCLUDE every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION. Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION. Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH. Month.	Year.	Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Number of children born to this mother.	NATIVITY. Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the State or Territory; if of foreign birth, give the Country only. Place of birth of this Person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.	Place of birth of Mother of this person.	CITIZENSHIP. Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person TEN YEARS of age and over. Occupation.	Months not employed.	EDUCATION. Attended school (in months).	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	OWNERSHIP OF HOME. Owned or rented.	Owned free or mortgaged.	Farm or house.	Number of farm schedule.
	1	2		3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
51		13	15	Stevens Ephraim M	Head	W	M	Nov	1833	66	M	39			Ohio	New Jersey	Ohio				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	F	M	
52				— Lucinda P	Wife	W	F	Feb	1836	64	M	39	4	2	Indiana	New Jersey	New York							yes	yes	yes				
53				— Emma	Dau	W	F	Mar	1864	36	S		0	0	Indiana	Ohio	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
54				— Mary E	Dau	W	F	Jan	1863	37	S		0	0	Indiana	Ohio	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
55		14	16	Griffith Henry	Head	W	M	Feb	1862	38	Md		X	X	Iowa	Pennsylvania	Virginia				Carpenter	3		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
56				— Harriet R	Dau	W	F	Mar	1869	31	S		0	0	Kentucky	Iowa	Kentucky							yes	yes	yes				
57				— Daisy	Dau	W	F	June	1871	28	S		0	0	Kentucky	Iowa	Kentucky							yes	yes	yes				
58		15	17	Faulkner Daily D	Head	W	M	Oct	1877	22	M	4			Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky				Day Laborer	2		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
59				— Alice M	Wife	W	F	Nov	1874	25	M	4	1	1	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
60				— Walter M	Son	W	M	Aug	1896	3	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							no	—	yes				
61		16	18	Challis John R	Head	W	M	June	1866	33	M	2			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Barber	0		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
62				— Martha J	Wife	W	F	July	1872	27	M	2	1	1	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
63				Coons Omer	Son	W	M	Feb	1898	2	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Day Laborer	2		yes	yes	yes	O	M	M	
64		17	19	Griffith Charles	Head	W	M	May	1865	35	M	14	X	X	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Section Foreman	0		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
65				— Sarah	Wife	W	F	May	1875	25	M	1	1	1	Indiana	Indiana	Ohio							yes	yes	yes				
66				— Clifford	Son	W	M	June	1897	2	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Day Laborer	6		yes	yes	yes				
67				— Inessa	Dau	W	F	Aug	1891	8	S		0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				At School	6		yes	yes	yes				
68				— Stanley	Son	W	M	Feb	1893	7	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				" "	6		yes	yes	yes				
69				— Sylvia	Dau	W	F	Jan	1897	3	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							no	no	yes				
70				— Gallagor	Son	W	M	Aug	1899	1	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							—	—	—				
71		18	20	Gordon Cathrin	Head	W	F	April	1860	40	Wd		2	2	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Washerwoman	0		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
72				— Ester	Dau	W	F	July	1882	17	S		0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				At School	6		yes	yes	yes				
73				— Eula	Dau	W	F	June	1884	15	S		0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				" "	6		yes	yes	yes				
74			21	Downey Jackson	Head	W	M	Mar	1870	29	M	3			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Teamster	0		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
75				— Flora	Wife	W	F	Mar	1871	29	M	3	1	1	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
76				— Clarence	Son	W	M	May	1897	3	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				At School	8		yes	yes	yes				
77				— Correl	Son	W	M	May	1899	1	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				" "	6		yes	yes	yes				
78				— Cora	Dau	W	F	Feb	1892	8	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
79				— Lelia	Dau	W	F	Feb	1896	4	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							—	—	yes				
80		19	22	Moore Otho	Head	W	M	Feb	1872	28	M	6			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Miller	0		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
81				— Frances	Wife	W	F	Feb	1877	23	M	6	1	1	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
82				Lulla	Son	W	M	Dec	1893	6	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	—	yes				
83				— Daniel Manufa	Mother-in-law	W	F	Feb	1837	63	Wd	2	2		Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
84		20	23	Williams Christ	Head	W	M	Dec	1870	29	M	1	X	X	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	1898	98	Yes	Bank & Store Keeper	0		yes	yes	yes	O	F	M	
85				— Ellen	Wife	W	F	June	1873	26	M	1	1	1	Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky							yes	yes	yes				
86		21	24	Myers Fred J	Head	W	M	Dec	1872	27	M	1			Maryland	Maryland	Maryland				Drug Store Clerk	0		yes	yes	yes	O	M	M	
87				— Pearl	Wife	W	F	Feb	1877	23	M	1	0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
88		22	25	Ward John W	Head	W	M	Oct	1868	34	M	11			Maryland	Virginia	Virginia				Post Master	0		yes	yes	yes	O	M	M	
89				— Addie	Wife	W	F	Oct	1867	32	M	11	2	2	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
90				— Clarence	Son	W	M	June	1892	7	S				Indiana	Maryland	Indiana				At School	6		yes	yes	yes				
91				— Beulah	Dau	W	F	May	1895	5	S		0	0	Indiana	Maryland	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
92		23	26	McClure James	Head	W	M	July	1851	48	M	25			Indiana	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	M	F	4
93				— Mary E	Wife	W	F	April	1854	46	M	25	3	3	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
94				— Henry	Son	W	M	Nov	1886	13	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farm Laborer	6	6	yes	yes	yes				
95				— Chas	Son	W	M	Mar	1889	11	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				At School	6	6	yes	yes	yes				
96			27	— Edith	Head	W	M	June	1873	27	M	7			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				R.R. Stenographer	0		yes	yes	yes	R		M	
97				— Minnie	Wife	W	F	June	1874	26	M	7	2	2	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
98				— Norma B	Dau	W	F	April	1896	4	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
99				— Jacob Ver	Son	W	M	April	1898	2	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
100		24	25	Williams Emiline	Head	W	F	May	1849	50	Wd		1	1	Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana				Home Keeper			no	no	yes	R		M	

"1900 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118653_00343?pId=4327166 : accessed 25 Nov 2021), Indiana > Ripley > Otter Creek > District 0130 > Image 2 of 21.

Figure 15.10

1900 United States Federal Census – Roseville, Warren County, Illinois



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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. B

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

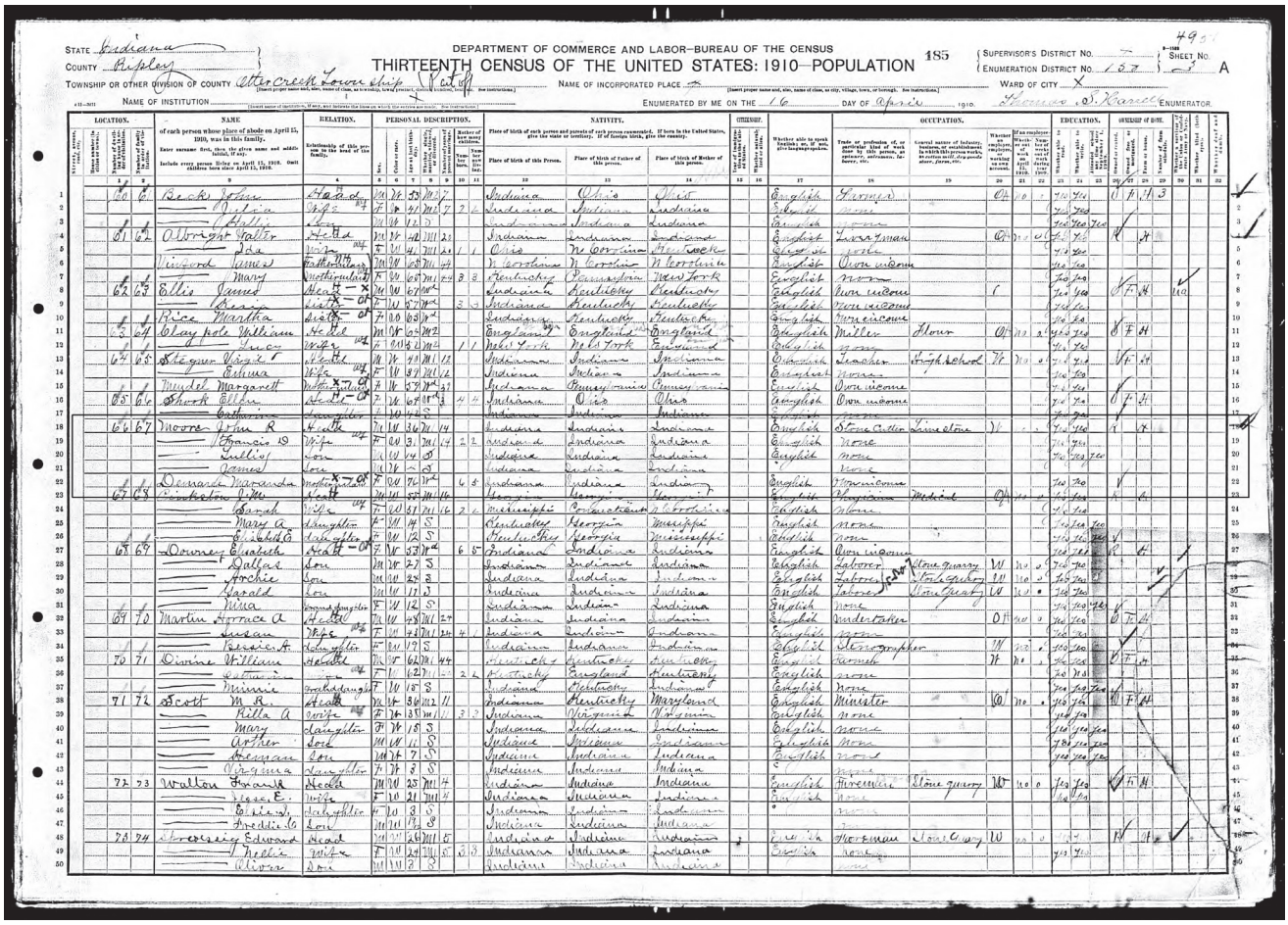
State Illinois
County Warren
Township or other division of county Roseville Township [Insert name of township, town, precinct, district, or other civil division, as the case may be. See instructions.]
Name of Institution, X
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Roseville Village
Ward of city, X
Enumerated by me on the 10th day of June, 1900, I. G. Peck, Enumerator.
Supervisor's District No. 9
Enumeration District No. 95
Sheet No. 5

Location: Street	Location: House Number	Location: Number of dwelling house in order of visitation	Location: Number of family in order of visitation	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	Relation: Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	Personal Description: Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth: Month	Date of Birth: Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced	Number of years married	Mother of how many children, and number living	Nativity: Place of birth of this person	Nativity: Place of birth of Father of this person	Nativity: Place of birth of Mother of this person	Citizenship: Year of immigration to the United States	Citizenship: Number of years in the United States	Citizenship: Naturalization	Occupation, Trade, or Profession of each person TEN YEARS of age and over. Occupation	Months not employed	Education: Attended school (in 1900)	Education: Can read	Education: Can write	Education: Can speak English	Ownership of Home: Owned or rented	Ownership of Home: Owned free or mortgaged	Ownership of Home: Farm or house	Ownership of Home: Number of farm schedule
1	2			3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	90	90		Hoeneman, Orville H.	Head	W	M	July	1865	34	M	12			Illinois	Indiana	Indiana				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	M	F	79
				——, Jennie	Wife	W	F	Mch	1865	34	M	12	3	2	Illinois	Kentucky	Kentucky							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Edith	Daughter	W	F	June	1888	11	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	8	yes		yes	yes				
				——, Eva	Daughter	W	F	Oct	1890	9	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	8	yes		yes	yes				
	91	91		Kirby, John H.	Head	W	M	Oct	1859	40	M	17			Illinois	Kentucky	Illinois				Farmer	0	yes	yes	yes	yes	R		I	80
				——, Laura E.	Wife	W	F	Oct	1863	36	M	17	5	4	Illinois	Virginia	Illinois						yes		yes	yes				
				——, Melvina	Son	W	M	Oct	1884	15	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	7	yes		yes	yes				
				——, Wesley	Son	W	M	Aug	1887	12	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	7	yes		yes	yes				
				——, Melvilla	Daughter	W	F	Feb	1889	7	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	7	yes		yes	yes				
				——, Jesse	Son	W	M	Apr	1898	2	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
	92	92		Musselman, Wm. H.	Head HR	W	M	Oct	1854	45	MM				Illinois	Illinois	Virginia				Farm Laborer	0	yes	yes	yes	yes	R		H	
				——, Sadie	Daughter	W	F	Mar	1888	12	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	9	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Jennie	Daughter	W	F	June	1890	9	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	7	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Rosa	Daughter	W	F	Feb	1894	5	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
				——, Isaac	Father	W	M	Dec	1831	68	M	41			Illinois	Tennessee	Tennessee							yes	no	yes				
				——, Sarah	Mother	W	F	Oct	1833	66	M	41	11	7	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Joseph	Brother	W	M	Sept	1870	29	S				Illinois	Illinois	Virginia				Farm Laborer	2		yes	yes	yes				
				——, Lee	Brother	W	M	Oct	1876	23	S				Illinois	Illinois	Virginia				Farm Laborer	2		yes	yes	yes				
	93	93		Kirby, Albert H.	Head	W	M	Aug	1874	25	M	4			Illinois	Indiana	Kentucky				Farm Laborer	0		yes	yes	yes	R		I	
				——, Daisy	Wife	W	F	Feb	1876	24	M	4	2	2	Illinois	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Annie	Daughter	W	F	Jan	1896	4	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
				——, Ora	Son	W	M	Sept	1897	2	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
	94	94		Hawke, Joseph H.	Head C	W	M	Feb	1836	63	M	33			Illinois	New York	Illinois				Farmer	2		yes	yes	yes	R		I	81
				——, Amelia	Wife	W	F	July	1856	43	M	23	3	2	Pennsylvania	Germany	Germany							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Irene	Son	W	M	Nov	1879	20	S				Illinois	Illinois	Pennsylvania				Day Laborer	4		yes	yes	yes				
				——, Dora	Daughter	W	F	Apr	1885	15	S				Illinois	Illinois	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes				
	95	95		Taylor, Arthur G.	Head IR	W	M	Dec	1873	27	M	2			Illinois	Indiana	New York				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	I	F	82
				——, Cloe	Wife	W	F	Feb	1876	24	M	2	0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
				Demaree, Rhoanda	Mother-in-law	W	F	Dec	1835	64	M	36	7	5	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				
	96	96		Taylor, Rufus G.	Head HR	W	M	Aug	1863	36	M	9			Illinois	Indiana	New York				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	I	I	83
				——, Mary	Wife	W	F	Oct	1867	32	M	9	4	4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Melvin	Son	W	M	Oct	1891	8	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	8	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Fred	Son	W	M	June	1893	6	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	8	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Maud	Daughter	W	F	Oct	1895	5	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
				——, Agnes	Daughter	W	F	Jan	1897	3	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
				Palmer, There	Servant	W	F	Dec	1881	18	S				Illinois	Ohio	Illinois				Domestic	0		yes	yes	yes				
				Hendrickson, Nellie	Servant	W	M	Mar	1878	22	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				Farm Laborer	0		yes	yes	yes				
	97	97		Taylor, Harland J.	Head	W	M	Sept	1870	29	M	6			Illinois	Indiana	New York				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	I	F	84
				——, Susanna	Wife	W	F	Oct	1871	28	M	6	1	1	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Marvin	Son	W	M	Oct	1894	5	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
	98	98		Kirkpatrick, Henry	Head	W	M	Aug	1860	39	M	17			Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	I	F	85
				——, Mary	Wife	W	F	Aug	1863	36	M	14	6	5	Illinois	Indiana	New York							yes	yes	yes				
				——, Dwight	Son	W	M	Nov	1887	12	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				At School	8	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Libby	Daughter	W	F	Apr	1889	11	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	8	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Gabel	Son	W	M	July	1891	8	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				at School	8	yes	yes	yes	yes				
				——, Frank	Son	W	M	Sept	1895	5	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
				——, Susie	Daughter	W	F	Nov	1897	2	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois													
				Hendrickson, Edna	Servant	W	M	Feb	1884	16	S				Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				Farm Laborer	0		yes	yes	yes				
				Smith, Solomon	Servant	W	M	Feb	1860	40	S				New York	New York	New York				Farm Laborer	0		yes	yes	yes				
	99	99		Morris, Thomas J.	Head	W	M	Nov	1855	44	M	24			Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	West Virginia				Farmer	0		yes	yes	yes	O	I	F	86

"1900 United States Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4113809_00356?pId=12795048 : accessed 25 Nov 2021), Illinois > Warren > Roseville > District 0095 > Image 10 of 34.

Figure 15.11

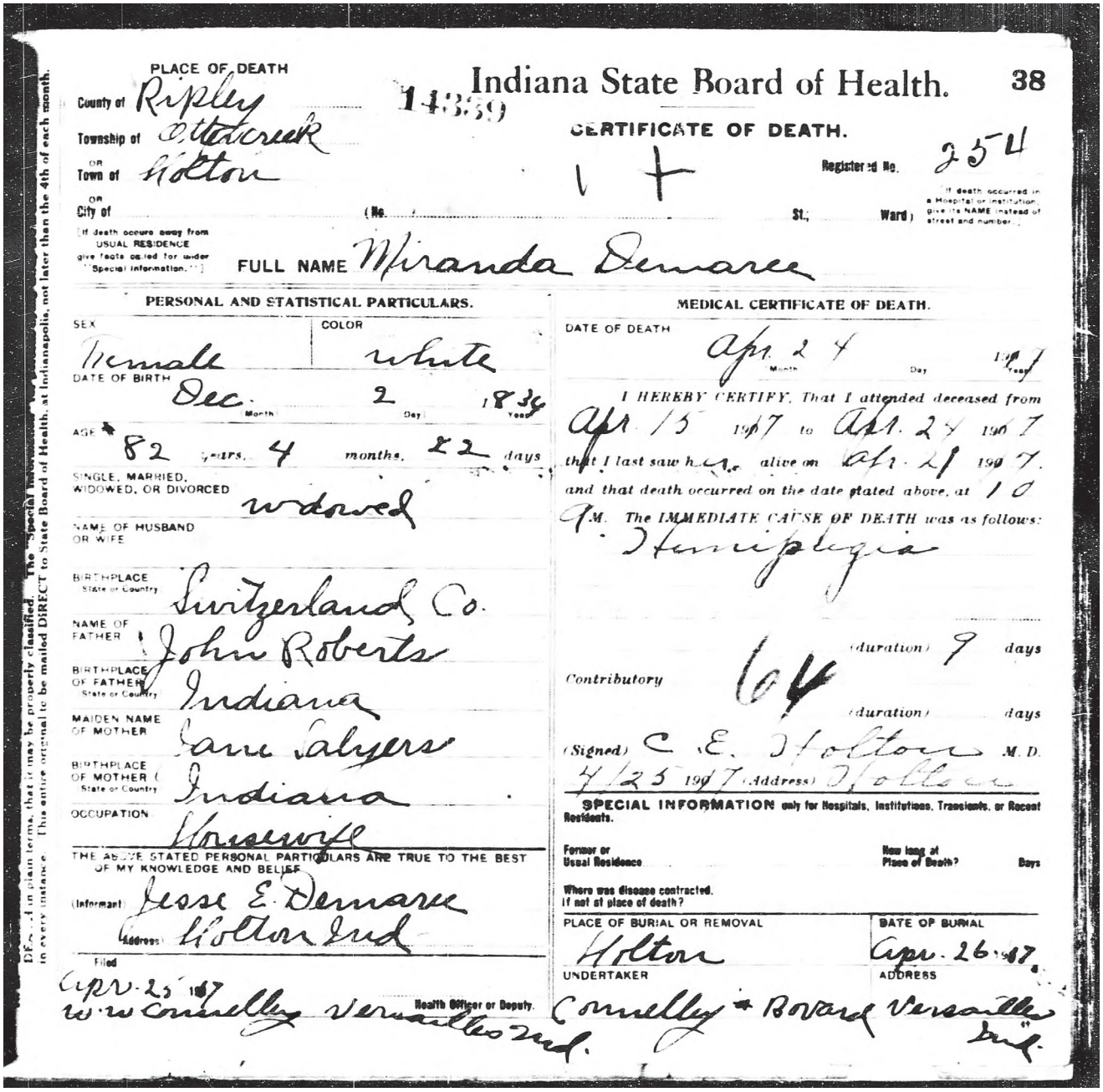
1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



"1910 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111_4328271-01001?pId=6852861 : accessed 25 Nov 2021), Indiana > Ripley > Otter Creek > District 0150 > Image 5 of 27.

Figure 15.12

Maranda (Roberts) Demaree[15] Death Certificate



PLACE OF DEATH
County of Ripley
Township of Otter Creek
OR Town of Holton
OR City of
(No. St., Ward)
[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts asked for under "Special information."]

Indiana State Board of Health. 38
14359
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.
Registered No. 254
[If death occurred in a Hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

FULL NAME Miranda Demaree

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

SEX: Female
COLOR: white
DATE OF BIRTH: Dec. (Month) 2 (Day) 1834 (Year)
AGE: 82 years, 4 months, 22 days
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: widowed
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE:
BIRTHPLACE (State or Country): Switzerland Co.
NAME OF FATHER: John Roberts
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country): Indiana
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Jane Sayers
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country): Indiana
OCCUPATION: Housewife

THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

(Informant) Jesse E. Demaree
Address: Holton Ind

Filed Apr. 25 1917
W. W. Connelly Versailles Ind.
Health Officer or Deputy.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

DATE OF DEATH: Apr. (Month) 24 (Day) 1917 (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Apr. 15 1917 to Apr. 27 1917 that I last saw h[illegible] alive on Apr. 24 1917, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 10 P.M. The IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:

Hemiplegia

Contributory 64 (duration) 9 days

(duration) days

(Signed) C. E. Holton M. D.
4/25 1917 (Address) Holton

SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.

Former or Usual Residence
How long at Place of Death? Days
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?

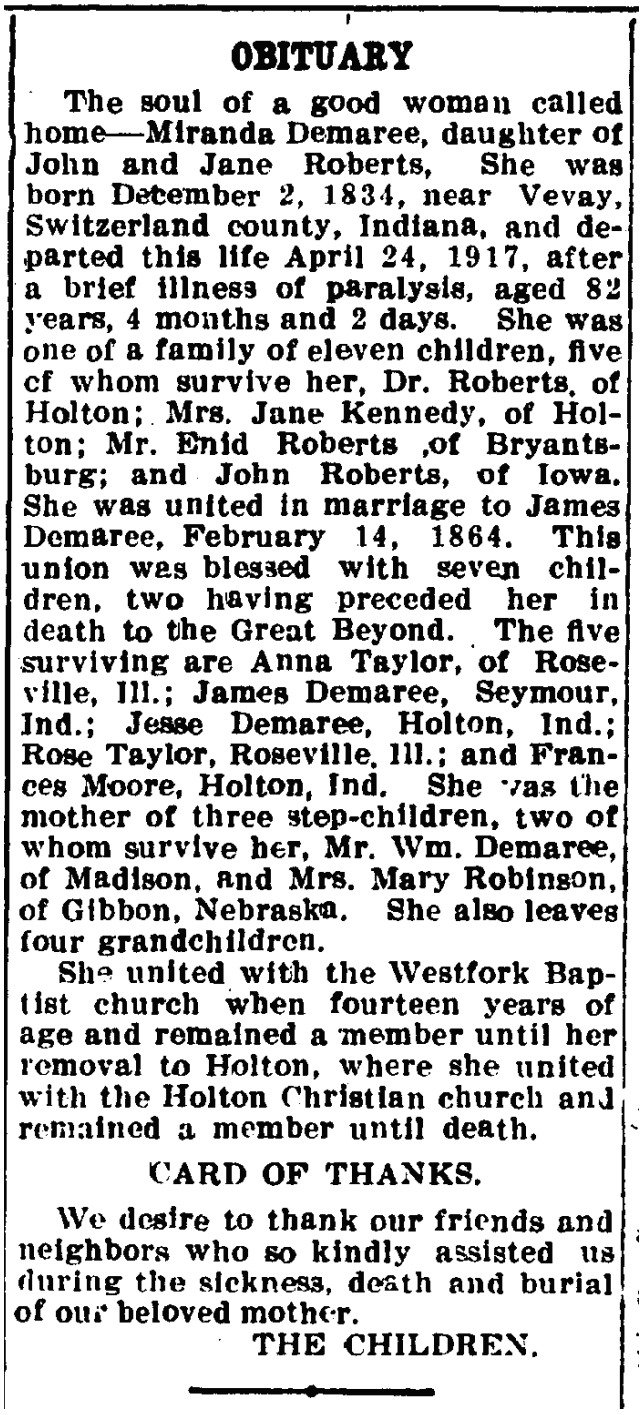
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Holton
DATE OF BURIAL: Apr. 26 1917
UNDERTAKER: Connelly & Bovard
ADDRESS: Versailles Ind.

DE[illegible]d in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" must be filled in every instance. This entire original to be mailed DIRECT to State Board of Health, at Indianapolis, not later than the 4th of each month.

" Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_350761-01738?pId=5049968 : accessed 25 Nov 2021), Certificate > 1917 > 16 > Image 1739 of 2211.

Figure 15.13

Maranda (Roberts) Demaree[15] Obituary



OBITUARY

The soul of a good woman called home—Miranda Demaree, daughter of John and Jane Roberts, She was born December 2, 1834, near Vevay, Switzerland county, Indiana, and departed this life April 24, 1917, after a brief illness of paralysis, aged 82 years, 4 months and 2 days. She was one of a family of eleven children, five of whom survive her, Dr. Roberts, of Holton; Mrs. Jane Kennedy, of Holton; Mr. Enid Roberts ,of Bryantsburg; and John Roberts, of Iowa. She was united in marriage to James Demaree, February 14, 1864. This union was blessed with seven children, two having preceded her in death to the Great Beyond. The five surviving are Anna Taylor, of Roseville, Ill.; James Demaree, Seymour, Ind.; Jesse Demaree, Holton, Ind.; Rose Taylor, Roseville, Ill.; and Frances Moore, Holton, Ind. She was the mother of three step-children, two of whom survive her, Mr. Wm. Demaree, of Madison, and Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Gibbon, Nebraska. She also leaves four grandchildren.

She united with the Westfork Baptist church when fourteen years of age and remained a member until her removal to Holton, where she united with the Holton Christian church and remained a member until death.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved mother.

THE CHILDREN.

Versailles (IN) Republican, 2 May 1917, Pg. 4 (newspaperarchive.com)

Appendix 15.1

Ripley County Poor Farm[26]

Very little is written of the Ripley County Poor Farm. It was located about two miles southwest of the small village of Correct, Indiana, about one mile west of US Highway 412. Ripley County has erected a monument at the cemetery "in memory of the residents of the Ripley County Farm buried here." The memorial is located at approximately GPS: 38.993509, -85.316889.

The following story about the Poor Farm is from a Ripley County history book provided to me by Cheryl Welch, volunteer with the Ripley County Historical Society on 31 Mar 2021.

> "In early times our paupers were housed in private homes and in June 1857, the County Commissioners appointed John Rea to select a farm, of 40 to 80 acres, for a Poor Farm. In the 1870s they were boarded at a very old log house covered with weatherboards known as the Old Johnson Place. It was owned by Mr. Ed Day and was located below the Tom Day farm south of Correct. Our county officials purchased, in 1877, a total of 520 acres of land from William D. and Olive Willson as the site for an Asylum for the Poor. The property was in Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Twp. 6, North Range 11 East. This deed did not convey the steam sawmill located on said land. The Ripley County Alms House was constructed as a frame structure. Prior to establishment of the County Farm, there was a cemetery on the land by a previous owner and they continued to bury the paupers along with those already buried there. According to Miss Toph there were slab marker there for: Duncan Monroe; Baby; Richard Green, Co. G (rest underground); James Stanley; and Margaret Stanley.
>
> "A great loss was sustained in 1923, when a $10,000 fire totally destroyed a large barn and silo at the County Farm which included the loss of 30 head of cattle and 10 horses. When Versailles native, James H. Tyson, co-founder of Walgreen Drug Company, established the Trust Fund for the Town of Versailles in 1936, he stipulated 'To provide feasts for the residents of the Ripley County Infirmary each year on New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, September 14, Mr. Tyson's Birthday, Thanksgiving and Christmas.['] Each Christmas Season, Mr. Tyson gave a box of Walgreen Chocolates to each of the residents of the infirmary. Herbert J. Thompson has told that some of the residents were very proficient craftsmen and the blacksmith there knew how to take temper out of old files and put the temper back into screwdrivers. He feels fortunate to have two screwdrivers and a double-headed tac hammer/puller made by the residents.

[26] The Poor Farm is mentioned several times in Peoples History of Ripley County, Indiana, a five-volume history of Ripley County, Indiana written and published by Violet E. Toph in 1969. A somewhat precise location for the Poor Farm is mentioned only twice. In Volume 3, it is mentioned in reference to the "Wolf Trail that ran down from Kentucky Creek, up the creek as far as Buchanan's fort, from there up by Shelby Church, and crossed little Graham at Titusville which is now the Poor Farm." In Volume 4, there is a statement that "the Poor Farm near Titusville was once called 'Rhyner's Mill." Source: Peoples History of Ripley County, Indiana vol 3 & 4. (https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/123555-peopleshistory-of-ripley-county-indiana-v-03 and https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/128369-peopleshistory-of-ripley-county-indiana-v-04, accessed 24 Nov 2021).

"Known Superintendents at various times were: Walter Crew, the first Supt. In 1877; Frank Linder 1880; James W. Lemon 1883; Andrew Jackson 1886; George W. Schmidt 1894; Hezekiah Hughes 1897; John Cameron and William C. Castner 1903; Charles Kreeger 1910; Omer Flint was appointed in 1912, his wages were $400 yearly and matron $80 yearly. Omer was again listed at (sic) Superintendent in 1937; James Murdock, Willard Flint, Fred Hafft, Henry Wilson 1920; Ray Brindley, the last Supt. The decision was made that it would be in the best interests of the county to board the inmates in nursing homes so the property was sold in 1953 to Spencer and Mildred Thayer and it remains in the Thayer family. The County Alms House is now a thing of the past."

Ripley County Poor Farm Property



Approximate extent of the Ripley County Poor Farm property with location of the cemetery annotated. GPS of cemetery: 38.99352, -85.31688. Acquired 1 Apr 2021. © 2021 Google.

Monuments Erected at the Ripley County Poor Farm Cemetery



Find a Grave (https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/84738/county-farm-cemetery : accessed 24 Nov 2021), Find a Grave Cemetery no. 84738, Ripley County, Indiana, USA. Photos added 28 Sep 2011 by CM Reed (contributor 47137081).

According to Find-a-Grave, fifty-nine memorials are located at the cemetery, but only two have actual headstones. The memorials listed on Find-a-Grave are:[27]

Name* (*Also listed in 1900 census)	**Birth & Death Dates**
John Abdon	4 Jul 1835 – 23 Feb 1934
Hannah Eaton Acton*	1853 – 13 May 1913
Guss Anbericht	24 Aug 1864 – 26 Jul 1911
Mary Bagle	1869 – 2 Jul 1912
John Bateman*	unknown – 22 Sep 1893
Mrs Behm	unknown – 1 Aug 1885
John F. Black*	unknown – 14 Jul 1900
Lavina Borders	1829 – 20 Feb 1909
Deliah Boswell*	1824 – 23 May 1912
Walker Boswell	unknown – 11 Mar 1932
Margaret Ella Brazelton*	2 Sep 1865 – 9 Feb 1932
Sidney Brown	9 May 1866 – 18 Jan 1945
Edward Bullmer	26 Feb 1851 – 26 Jul 1919

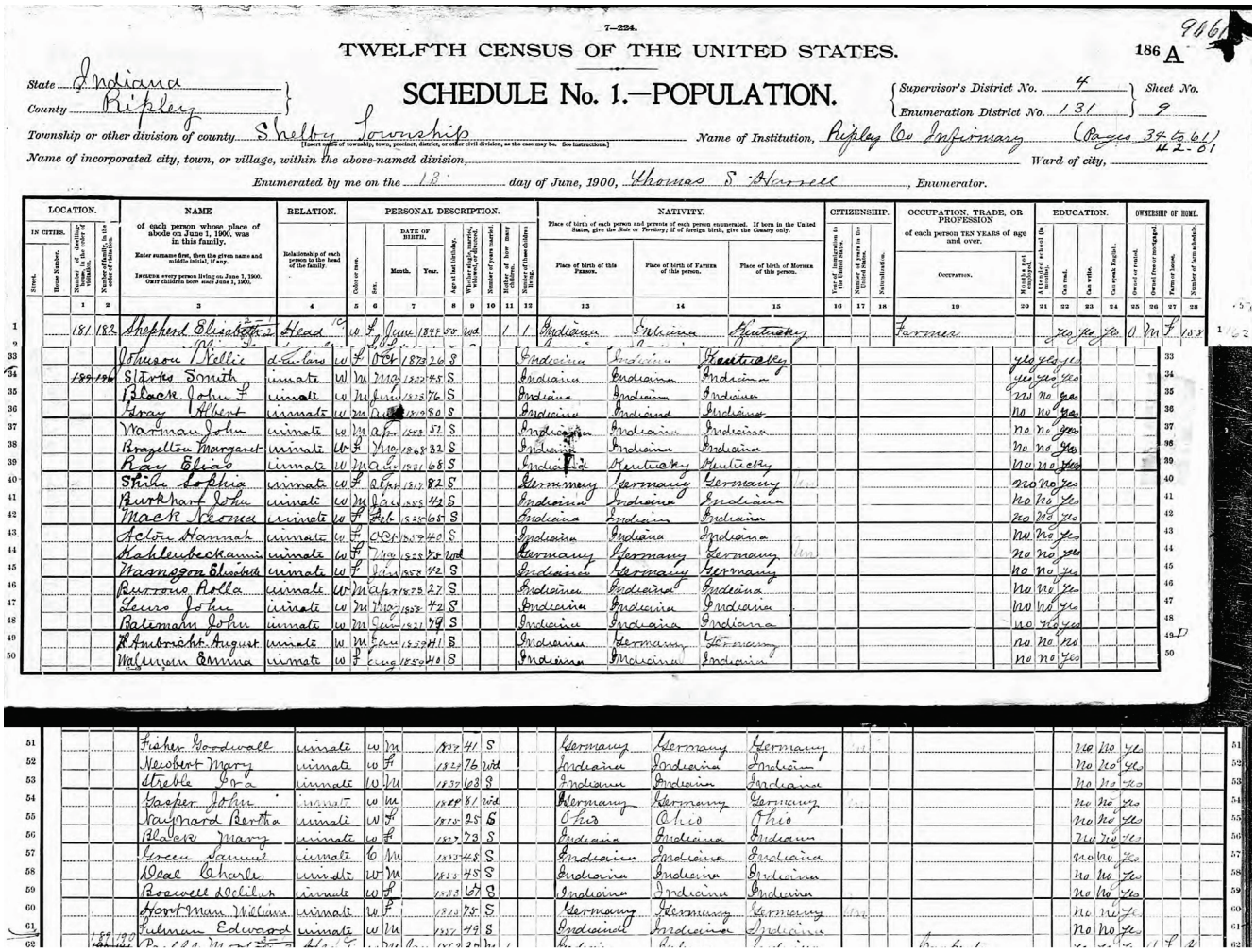
[27] https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/84738/county-farm-cemetery, accessed 24 Nov 2021.

Name* (*Also listed in 1900 census)	**Birth & Death Dates**
George Buysble	1816 – 8 Feb 1906
Julia Cain	unknown – 22 Jul 1886
Andora Deerwester	unknown – 2 Mar 1887
George Eaglin	1880 – 24 Dec 1943
John Fast	unknown – 4 Dec 1898
William Franklin	1877 – 10 Aug 1900
Angelina Gaddis	unknown – 23 Feb 1888
John B. Gasper*	7 Jul 1818 – 8 Nov 1903
Broady Glade	1834 – 11 May 1922
Richard L Green	unknown – 16 Mar 1864
Frank Grimes	unknown – 11 Apr 1886
Edward Hackney	1857 – 12 May 1939
Harvey Hackney	1894 – 8 Mar 1950
William Hartman*	unknown – 6 Jul 1905
Mariette Hayden	Birth and death dates unknown.
George H. Hew	unknown – 1 Dec 1903
Gordon Hiram	unknown – Apr 1900
James Franklin Hoover	30 Sep 1871 – 5 Nov 1950
Julian Jolley	unknown – 8 Aug 1888
Anna Kahlenbach*	unknown – 30 Jul 1900
Samuel Kaster	unknown – 2 Jun 1895
Roberta Kennedy	unknown – 21 Dec 1902
Harry King	1861 – 17 May 1926
Barney Lavern	1833 – 4 Feb 1913
Warner Lee	1865 – 24 Oct 1938
Hiram Lillie	1822 – 24 Nov 1910
Peter Lippet	unknown – 14 Sep 1886
Neoma Mack*	Birth and death dates unknown.
Bertha Maynard*	unknown – 4 Feb 1897
Sarah McCullough	unknown – 6 Dec 1921
William Mormeier	unknown – 31 Dec 1901
Mary Naubert*	unknown – 31 Jul 1900
Elias Ray*	1833 – 11 Jan 1908
John Richmond	1854 – 27 Mar 1917
Gasper Rulman	unknown – 17 Dec 1888
John M. Rutherford	14 Jun 1893 – 20 Feb 1931
William Scavens	unknown – 12 May 1888
Sophia Shin*	unknown – 5 Feb 1901
Smith Stark*	unknown – 19 Aug 1905
Ira Struble*	unknown – 31 Jul 1900
Lonzo Thomas	3 Apr 1924 – 1 Nov 1941
Elizabeth Wamsgans*	unknown – Aug
John Warinen	unknown – 8 Feb 1900

Name* (*Also listed in 1900 census)	**Birth & Death Dates**
John Warman*	unknown – 10 May 1905
Whitaker	unknown – 28 Oct 1891
Sarah Willy	unknown – 8 Nov 1888

1900 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Ripley County, Indiana

Enumeration for the Ripley County Poor Farm



TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. 186 A

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Indiana. County Ripley. Township or other division of county Shelby Township. Name of Institution, Ripley Co Infirmary (Pages 34 & 61) 42-61. Supervisor's District No. 4. Enumeration District No. 131. Sheet No. 9. Enumerated by me on the 12 day of June, 1900, Thomas S. Harrell, Enumerator.

LOCATION.	NAME	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.	NATIVITY.	CITIZENSHIP.	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION.	OWNERSHIP OF HOME.
Street. / House Number. / Number of dwelling house in the order of visitation. / Number of family, in the order of visitation.	of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	Color or race. / Sex. / DATE OF BIRTH: Month. / Year. / Age at last birthday. / Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced. / Number of years married. / Mother of how many children. / Number of these children living.	Place of birth of this Person. / Place of birth of Father of this person. / Place of birth of Mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States. / Number of years in the United States. / Naturalization.	Occupation. / Months not employed.	Attended school (in months). / Can read. / Can write. / Can speak English.	Owned or rented. / Owned free or mortgaged. / Farm or house. / Number of farm schedule.
1 2	3	4	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	13 14 15	16 17 18	19 20	21 22 23 24	25 26 27 28
181 182	Shepherd Elisabeth	Head	W F June 1842 57 Wid 1 1	Indiana Indiana Kentucky		Farmer	0 Yes Yes Yes	O Mo F 1
	Johnson Nellie	Servant	W F Oct 1878 21 S	Indiana Indiana Kentucky			Yes Yes Yes	
189 190	Starks Smith	inmate	W M Aug 1823 76 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			Yes Yes Yes	
	Black John F	inmate	W M June 1823 76 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			Yes No Yes	
	Gray Albert	inmate	W M Oct 1819 80 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Norman John	inmate	W M Apr 1848 52 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Brazelton Margaret	inmate	W F Nov 1868 32 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Ray Elias	inmate	W M Sep 1831 68 S	Indiana Kentucky Kentucky			No No Yes	
	Shiba Sophia	inmate	W F Sep 1817 82 S	Germany Germany Germany			No No Yes	
	Burkhart John	inmate	W M Jan 1835 65 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Mack Veronica	inmate	W F Feb 1835 65 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Acton Hannah	inmate	W F Dec 1857 42 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Kahlenbeck Annie	inmate	W F July 1858 42 Wid	Germany Germany Germany			No No Yes	
	Wasmgon Elizabeth	inmate	W F Jan 1858 42 S	Indiana Germany Germany			No No Yes	
	Burrows Rolla	inmate	W M Apr 1878 27 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Lewis John	inmate	W M Nov 1858 42 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Bateman John	inmate	W M Sep 1821 79 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No Yes Yes	
	D Aubrickt August	inmate	W M Jan 1829 71 S	Indiana Germany Germany			No No No	
	Waterman Emma	inmate	W F Aug 1850 49 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes	
	Fisher Goodwall	inmate	W M	1859 41 S	Germany Germany Germany			No No Yes
	Neubert Mary	inmate	W F	1824 76 Wid	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes
	Streble Ora	inmate	W M	1837 63 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes
	Gasper John	inmate	W M	1848 81 Wid	Germany Germany Germany			No No Yes
	Maynard Bertha	inmate	W F	1875 25 S	Ohio Ohio Ohio			No No Yes
	Blaker Mary	inmate	W F	1827 73 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes
	Green Samuel	inmate	W M	1853 48 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes
	Deal Charles	inmate	W M	1853 48 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes
	Boswell Orbilon	inmate	W F	1833 67 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes
	Hoot Mary William	inmate	W F	1823 75 S	Germany Germany Germany			No No Yes
	Fulman Edward	inmate	W M	1857 43 S	Indiana Indiana Indiana			No No Yes

1900 Census for the Poor Farm (Ripley County Infirmary). "1900 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118653_00379?lang=en-US : accessed 24 Nov 2021), Indiana > Ripley > Shelby > District 0131 > Images 17 & 18 of 26.

16. JEREMIAH "JERRY" H. (b. 6 Jan 1837, d. 19 Nov 1918)



Believed to be Jeremiah Roberts
From a photo album believed to have belonged to Jeremiah. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

Birth: 6 Jan 1837 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Marriage & children:

m1: Dec 1872 to Sarah McClure in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1848 in Indiana; d. 7 Feb 1873 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana). No children.

m2: 1 Nov 1877 to Rose Belle Robinson in Ripley County, Indiana (b. abt. 1853 in Indiana; d. 5 Feb 1881 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana).

- Stella Roberts
  - b. 18 Nov 1878 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.
  - m. 19 Sep 1901 to John W. Crew in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana (b. 24 May 1867 in Ripley County, Indiana; d. 16 Mar 1933 in Milan, Ripley County, Indiana).
  - d. 25 May 1948 in Milan, Ripley County, Indiana.

Death: 19 Nov 1918 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.

Jeremiah was the sixth child of John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts. According to his death certificate and Civil War pension records (Image 4 of Appendix 16.1), he was born 6 Jan 1837 in Switzerland County, Indiana. Much of his youth was likely spent helping his father on the family farm. The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that Jeremiah's father was engaged in agriculture.[1,2]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Jeremiah's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist

[1] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[2] See Figure 16.10. Jeremiah Roberts[16] Death Certificate.

Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, his parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[3,4,5]

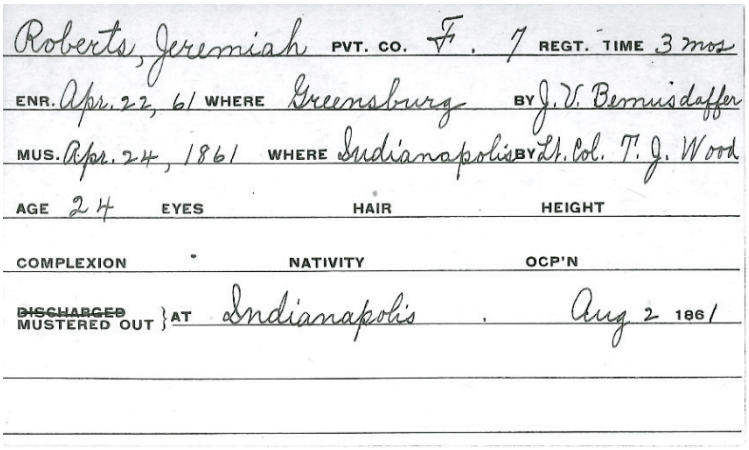
About May 1847, Jeremiah's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. The 1850 census for Shelby Township, Jefferson County does not indicate Jeremiah attended school during the past year, so we do not know the extent of his education. Sometime prior to 1860, Jeremiah moved a few counties north to Decatur County, where he went to work as a farm laborer on the John W. Kiser farm.[6,7,8]

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Jeremiah volunteered to serve and completed two tours of duty fighting for the Union. His first was with the 7th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers and his second was with the 76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers.

Civil War Service, Regimental Battles, and Disability[9]

7th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers

The 7th was organized at Indianapolis, Indiana between 21 and 27 April 1861, and was mustered in April 28th as a three months regiment. Jeremiah enrolled in Company F on 22 April 1861 at Greensburg, Indiana. Greensburg is the County Seat of Decatur County, so this suggests that he was probably still living with the Kiser family on their farm when he enrolled.


Roberts, Jeremiah PVT. CO. F. 7 REGT. TIME 3 mos
ENR. Apr. 22, 61 WHERE Greensburg BY J. V. Bennisdaffer
MUS. Apr. 24, 1861 WHERE Indianapolis BY Lt. Col. T. J. Wood
AGE 24 EYES HAIR HEIGHT
COMPLEXION NATIVITY OCP'N
~~DISCHARGED~~ MUSTERED OUT } AT Indianapolis Aug 2 1861

Jeremiah's Muster Roll Card – Company F, 7th Regiment. Received 13 Apr 2021 from Indiana Digital Archives, Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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[3] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[4] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[5] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.
[6] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[7] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[8] Figure 16.1. 1860 United States Federal Census – Washington Township, Decatur County, Indiana.
[9] The summary of Jeremiah's Civil War service and regimental battles is derived from multiple sources.
1. Battle Unit Details, *7th Regiment, Indiana Infantry (3 months, 1861)*, National Park Service, (https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm?battleUnitCode=UIN0007RI02, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
2. Battle Unit Details, *76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry (30 days, 1862)*, National Park Service, (https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm?battleUnitCode=UIN0076RI, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
3. A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, Compiled and Arranged from Official Records of the Federal and Confederate Armies, Reports of the Adjutant Generals of the Several States, the Army Registers and Other Reliable Documents and Sources, Frederick H. Dyer, Dyer Publishing Company, Des Moines, Iowa, 1908. (https://archive.org/details/08697590.3359.emory.edu, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
4. Laurel Hill and the First Land Battles of the Civil War, Friends of Laurel Hill Battlefield, Belington, West Virginia (http://www.battleoflaurelhill.org/history.html, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
5. The Union Army, A History of Military Affairs in the Loyal States 1861-65 – Records of the Regiments in the Union Army – Cyclopedia of Battles – Memoirs of Commanders and Soldiers, Volume III – New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, Federal Publishing Company, Madison, Wisconsin, 1908. (https://archive.org/details/unionarmyhistory03madi/page/n7/mode/2up, accessed 26 Nov 2021).

Battle of Philippi

The 7th was ordered to western Virginia in the area later becoming the state of West Virginia, and left Indiana on 29 May 1861. Their first action was the Battle of Philippi on 1 Jun 1861, the first land battle of the Civil War. Union forces launched a surprise dawn artillery bombardment of the town. In what became known as the "Philippi Races," the Confederate troops swiftly retreated under the shelling, allowing the rest of the regiment to enter the town. The Confederates, numbering about 3,500 troops, retreated south toward Laurel Hill where they made camp at the foot of the mountain.

Battle of Laurel Hill

On 6 Jul 1861, Union General George B. McClelland ordered his forces, numbering about 5,000 (including the 7th Indiana), from Philippi toward Bealington, Virginia (now known as Belington, West Virginia). Here, Confederate and Union forces engaged in the longest battle of the Tygart Valley Campaign at Laurel Hill, July 7-11, 1861.

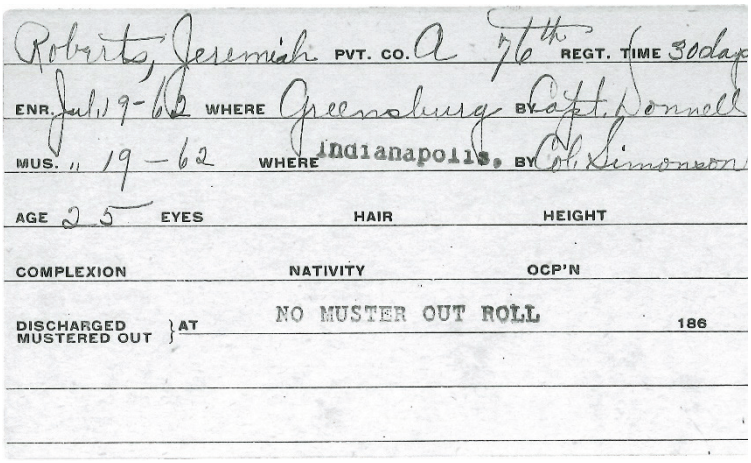
Confederate General Robert S. Garnett had established his headquarters here and was waiting for reinforcements to try to stem the Union advance in the Tygart Valley. After a decisive victory within earshot of Laurel Hill at Rich Mountain, General McClelland's forces had cut off the Confederates. The Confederates were no match for the Union forces and again, quickly retreated. The 7th joined in pursuing the retreating Confederates, overtaking them at Carrick's Ford. Here, Confederate General Garnett was killed while defending his army's rear, becoming the first general on either side to be killed in combat. The Confederates abandoned huge quantities of equipment and continued to flee, demoralized. It appears General Garnett foresaw the impending defeat and possibly his death by writing, "I don't anticipate anything very brilliant – indeed I shall esteem myself fortunate if I escape disaster." The Battle of Laurel Hill was important in securing safe passage to Wheeling, Virginia and was instrumental in the Union holding this western portion of Virginia, which eventually became the state of West Virginia on June 20, 1863.

After Laurel Hill, the 7th returned to Indianapolis where it was mustered out on 2 Aug 1861. Shortly thereafter, it was reorganized and mustered back into service on 13 September for three years' service; however, Jeremiah was not part of the reorganization.

76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers

After mustering out, Jeremiah may have returned to the Kiser farm in Decatur County, as less than a year later, on 19 July 1862, he enrolled in Company A of the 76th Regiment at Greensburg, Indiana. The 76th was organized at Indianapolis, Indiana, for 30 days State service and was mustered in July 20, 1862. Jeremiah's brother, Edward[17], served with Company D of the 76th at the same time. According to Union Army, "The purpose of its organization was for repelling guerrilla raids. A band of guerillas had crossed the Ohio [River] at Newburg and captured about 80

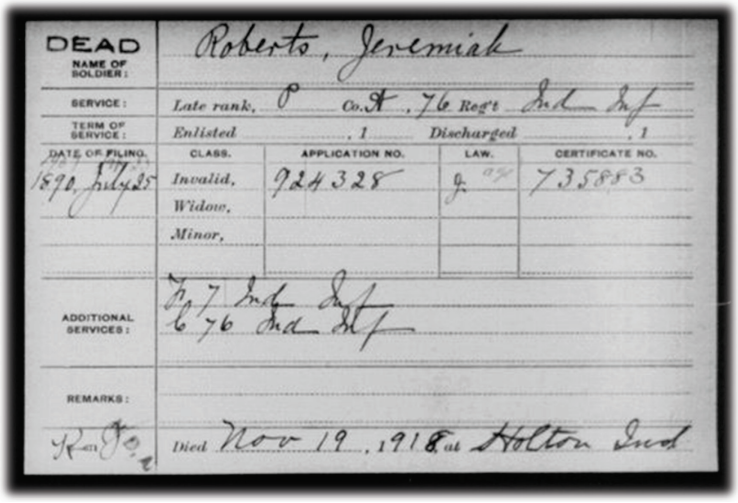
convalescent soldiers in the hospital, together with some state arms and other property. [The regimental commanders, Col Gavin and Lt Col Wilder], who were at their homes at the time, proposed raising a regiment for 30 days for the purpose of clearing out that part of the state of these lawless bands. Their proposition was accepted and in 48 hours' time the 76th had been raised, mustered and equipped. It moved to Evansville, Ind., and Henderson, Ky., having several severe skirmishes with guerillas. Its strength was 786, and its loss by death, 1." The 76th mustered out August 20, 1862.


Roberts, Jeremiah PVT. CO. A 76th REGT. TIME 30 days
ENR. Jul 19-62 WHERE Greensburg BY Capt. Donnell
MUS. " 19-62 WHERE Indianapolis, BY Col. Simonson
AGE 25 EYES HAIR HEIGHT
COMPLEXION NATIVITY OCP'N
DISCHARGED MUSTERED OUT } AT NO MUSTER OUT ROLL 186

Jeremiah's Muster Roll Card – Company A, 76th Regiment. Received 13 Apr 2021 from Indiana Digital Archives, Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Disability Claim

Due to his Civil War service, Jeremiah applied for, and received, a disability pension. He filed his initial Declaration for Pension on 22 Jul 1890, as authorized by the Dependent and Disability Pension Act of June 27, 1890, citing his disability as edema of the left lower extremity and partial dislocation of the tarsus and metatarsus of the left foot. His application was approved, providing him a pension of $12/month under Certificate No. 735883, with disabilities of rheumatism, disease of the heart, and varicose veins of both legs. His benefit was increased over the course of the remainder of his life, until he was receiving a benefit of $21/month. Various documents in his pension records identify a number of life events for which records are not otherwise available. Relevant portions of his pension records are found in Appendix 16.1.


DEAD
NAME OF SOLDIER: Roberts, Jeremiah
SERVICE: Late rank, Pvt Co. A, 76 Regt Ind Inf
TERM OF SERVICE: Enlisted 1 Discharged 1
DATE OF FILING. CLASS. APPLICATION NO. LAW. CERTIFICATE NO.
1890, July 25 Invalid, 924328 9 735883
Widow,
Minor,
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: Pvt 7 Ind Inf 76 Ind Inf
REMARKS:
Died Nov 19, 1918 at Holton Ind

"Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900," database with images, *Fold 3* (https://www.fold3.com/document/2363471/roberts-jeremiah-civil-war-pensions-index : accessed 11 Apr 2021).

Return to Civilian Life

In his pension application, Jeremiah noted that he lived in Bryantsburg, Indiana after the war, then moved to Holton, Indiana about April 1870. In the intervening years between 1862 and 1870, Jeremiah appears to have received training as a physician. In a 26 Dec 1884 deposition he gave for brother Edward's[17]

disability pension application, Jeremiah stated that he had been a practicing physician by himself for the past 15 years, and had done some practice before that for two or three years. This would place his start of practice about 1866.[10]

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, medical practice in the United States was loosely regulated. It was perfectly legal to practice medicine without a degree, and such physicians left very little evidence behind. Such is the case with Jeremiah. Nothing in his Civil War records or pension documents state he received any formal training as a physician or suggest he acted in that capacity. In 1881, Indiana started requiring all physicians to register with the County Clerk and in 1885 physicians were required to have a license to practice. Jeremiah registered with the Ripley County Clerk's office in both 1883 and 1885. The latter registration states he was a graduate of Miami Medical College.[11,12,13,14]



Rose Belle (Robinson) Roberts
From a photo album believed to have belonged to Jeremiah. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

Jeremiah is shown in the 1870 census living in Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana, with the occupation of physician. In Dec 1872, he married Sarah McClure, but sadly, she passed away 7 Feb 1873 after only two months of marriage. No children were born from their brief marriage. He then married Rose Belle Robinson on 1 Nov 1877 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana to whom their only child, Stella, was born on 18 Nov 1878. Tragedy struck again when Rose passed away 15 Feb 1881 in Holton, leaving him to raise young Stella on his own. He appears to have never remarried.[15,16]

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[10] Figure 16.2. Excerpt of Deposition for Edward Roberts[17].
[11] Personal email dated 20 Mar 2017 from Stephen J. Greenberg, Section Head, Rare Books & Early Manuscripts, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC.
[12] Chadwick, Edward H., Chadwick's History of Shelby County, Indiana, B. F. Bowen & Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1909. Chapter XIV. (https://books.google.com/books/download/Chadwick_s_History_of_Shelby_County_Indi.pdf?id=N080AQAAMAAJ&output=pdf&sig=ACfU3U0Z5pqdVu0iQ1adNQGp4ZV5DN4-Sg, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
[13] Figure 16.3. Newspaper Clippings – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Physician Registrations.
[14] I have been unable to find a reference to a Miami Medical College in Indiana. There was a Miami Medical College in Cincinnati, OH from 1852 to 1909, which merged with another medical college to become the Ohio-Miami Medical College of the University of Cincinnati[; however, Jeremiah is not listed in it as an alumnus. (See *List of Defunct Medical Schools in the United States*, Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_defunct_medical_schools_in_the_United_States, accessed 26 Nov 2021] and Alumni Catalogue of Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Including Members of the Faculty, *1852-1900*, 2nd Edition. Archibald I. Carson, M.D., compiler [https://digital.cincinnatilibrary.org/digital/collection/p16998coll3/id/101404/, accessed 26 Nov 2021]).
[15] Figure 16.4. 1870 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana. While the census shows the name "Robert Roberts" it seems this has to be Jeremiah. He stated in his Civil War pension documents that he moved to Holton, Indiana about Apr 1870, which is located in Otter Creek Township. Later census records also show him in Otter Creek Township, with occupation listed as a physician.
[16] Jeremiah identified both marriages, the deaths of both wives, and Stella's birth in his Civil War pension documents found in Appendix 16.1.

In 1880, Jeremiah, Rose, and Stella were still living in Otter Creek Township. Jeremiah's occupation was surgeon and physician. We also find that Jeremiah's niece, Ida L. Brown, was living in the Roberts household. Ida is the daughter of Jeremiah's sister-in-law, Kasena McClure and her husband, Eli Brown. Ida's mother passed away 19 Apr 1875 and Ida likely came to live with the Jeremiah Roberts family soon after.[17]

On 15 Oct 1893, Jeremiah hosted a family reunion in his Holton, Indiana home with most of his living siblings in attendance: Sarah[13]; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; Henry[18]; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles[12] was unable to attend.[18]

The 1900 census identifies Jeremiah and Stella on Versailles Street in Holton, Indiana (part of Otter Creek Township). Jeremiah's occupation is listed as physician and his home was mortgage free. By this time, his brother, Henry[18], and sister, Ella Jane[20], had moved into the residence. By 1910, only Jeremiah and his sister, Ella Jane, were in the Otter Creek residence.[19,20]

Jeremiah filed his will in April 1903. No spouse is mentioned as wife Rose had passed away in 1881. His will provides for $250 to go to his niece, Ida L. Brown (now Lemon). His house, lots, and personal property in the house were to go to sister Ella Jane. The remainder of his estate was to go to daughter Stella. Ella was appointed executrix.[21]

He passed away 19 Nov 1918 in Holton, Indiana from sarcoma of his right kidney, and is buried at the Holton Cemetery. His obituary notes that he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge of Holton and of the Hopewell Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at his home.[22,23]

His will was proven and entered into probate on 4 Dec 1918; however, daughter Stella acted as Administrator, rather than sister, Ella Jane. Jeremiah's niece, Ida, received her $250 on 20 Dec 1918. On 25 Dec 1918, the *Osgood (IN) Journal* noted that "Lot No. 96" in Holton and 158 acres of land in Otter Creek Township were transferred to daughter Stella in return for "love and affection." Other probate actions identified in newspapers at that time showed that Stella received five shares of capital stock of Ripley County Bank of Osgood and an inheritance tax of $16.24 was due. Final settlement of his estate occurred 2 Feb 1920 after Stella filed a "Notice to Heirs, Creditors, Etc." announcing the date of the hearing.[24,25]

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[17] Figure 16.5. 1880 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[18] Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion.
[19] Figure 16.7. 1900 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[20] Figure 16.8. 1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[21] Figure 16.9. Jeremiah Roberts[16] Will.
[22] Figure 16.10. Jeremiah Roberts[16] Death Certificate.
[23] Figure 16.11. Jeremiah Roberts[16] Obituary.
[24] Figure 16.12. Newspaper Clippings – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Real Estate & Stock Transfers, and Inheritance Tax.
[25] Figure 16.13. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Final Settlement.

Other Tidbits about Jeremiah

Jeremiah was a founding member and the first Commander of the Jessie B. Holman Post No. 495, Grand Army of the Republic, in Holton, Indiana.[26]

He was a member of the Ripley County Bimetallic League. The League was formed in 1889 to promote the demand for the unlimited coinage of silver. William Jennings Bryan, the democratic presidential nominee in 1896, endorsed the free coinage of silver and his candidacy was supported by the League. When William McKinley defeated Bryan, the free issue of silver died a quick death and the League was soon dissolved.[27,28]

In Jun 1897, he was baptized into the Hopewell Baptist Church.[29]

On 7 Jun 1910, a fire at a stable in Holton broke out and quickly spread across the alley to Jeremiah's stable. He lost a hundred bushels of corn and some hay in the fire.[30]

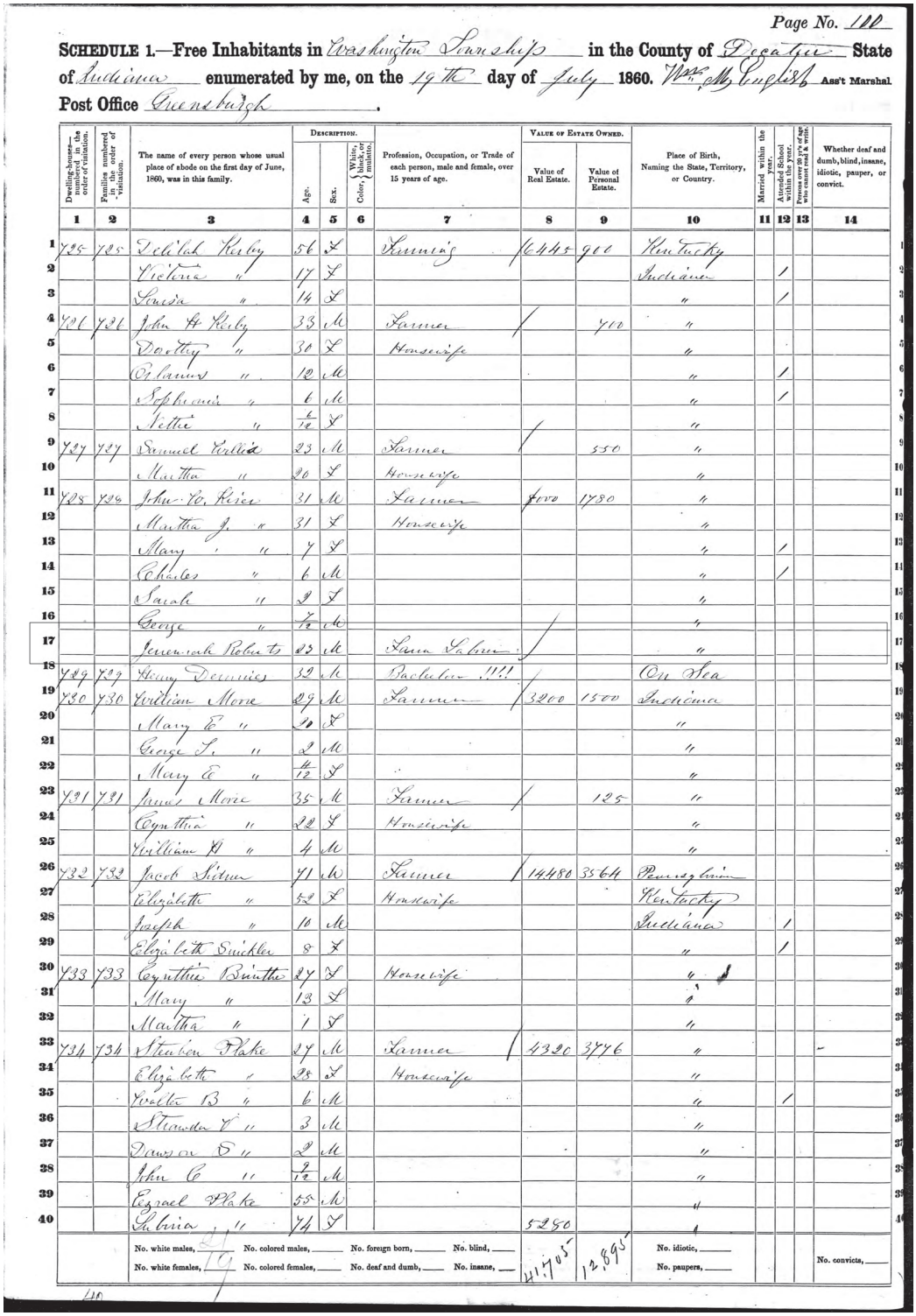
Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album

On 17 Feb, 2017, I received over 50 images from a photo album believed to have belonged to Jeremiah. The album was discovered at the Lumber Mill Antique Mall, 721 W. 1st St., Madison, Indiana by Phyllis Codling McLaughlin of the Jefferson County, Indiana Historical Society. She jotted down a few names from the album. Her online research led her to my *Ancestry.com* family tree and she sent me a message. The owner of the antique store loaned her the album to scan the images for the Historical Society. Chapter 7 contains scans of known Roberts family members from the album.

[26] Figure 16.14. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Commander, Jessie B. Holman Post 495, G.A.R.
[27] Figure 16.15. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Special Organizer, Bimetallic League of Ripley County.
[28] Olsen, James S. and Abraham O. Mendoza, American Economic History, A Dictionary and Chronology, ABC-CLIO, LLC, Santa Barbara, California. 2015.
[29] Figure 16.16. Hopewell Baptist Church Member List.
[30] Figure 16.17. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Stable Fire.

Figure 16.1

1860 United States Federal Census – Washington Township, Decatur County, Indiana



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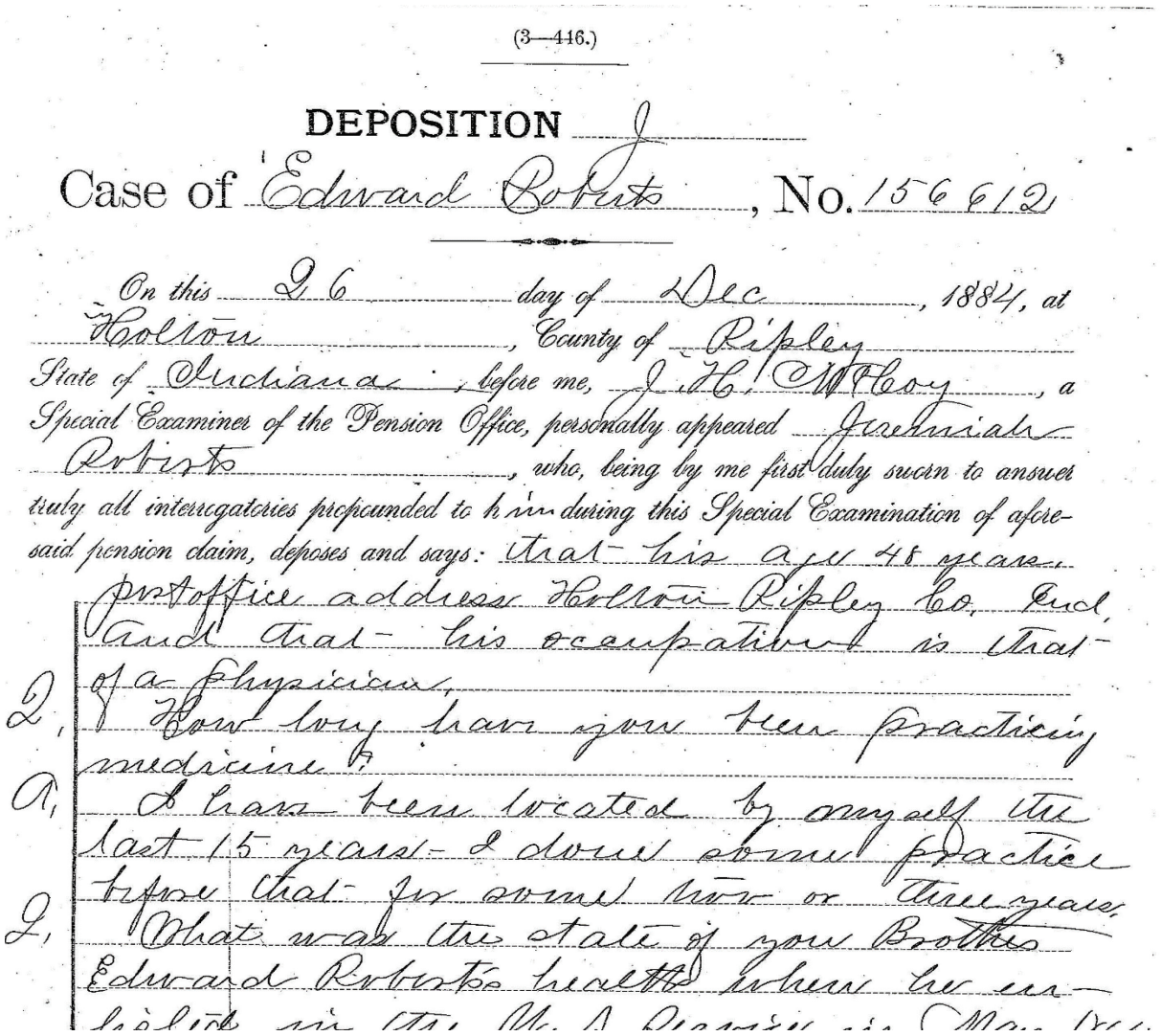
SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Washington Township in the County of Decatur State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 19th day of July 1860. Wm. M. English Ass't Marshal.
Post Office Greensburgh.

Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation	Families numbered in the order of visitation	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description: Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned: Real Estate.	Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
725	725	Delilah Kirby	56	F		Farming	6445	900	Kentucky				
		Victoria "	17	F					Indiana		1		
		Louisa "	14	F					"		1		
726	726	John H. Kirby	33	M		Farmer		700	"				
		Dorothy "	30	F		Housewife			"				
		Orlando "	12	M					"		1		
		Sophronia "	6	M					"		1		
		Nettie "	4/12	F					"				
727	727	Samuel Willis	23	M		Farmer		550	"				
		Martha "	20	F		Housewife			"				
728	728	John W. Rice	31	M		Farmer	1000	1780	"				
		Martha J. "	31	F		Housewife			"				
		Mary "	7	F					"		1		
		Charles "	6	M					"		1		
		Sarah "	3	F					"				
		George "	1/12	M					"				
		Jeremiah Roberts	83	M		Farm Laborer			"				
729	729	Henry Dennies	32	M		Bachelor !!!!			On Sea				
730	730	Lydian Moore	29	M		Farmer	3200	1500	Indiana				
		Mary E "	10	F					"				
		George L. "	2	M					"				
		Mary E "	4/12	F					"				
731	731	James Moore	35	M		Farmer		125	"				
		Cynthia "	32	F		Housewife			"				
		William H "	4	M					"				
732	732	Jacob Sitton	71	W		Farmer	14480	3564	Pennsylvania				
		Elizabeth "	52	F		Housewife			Kentucky				
		Joseph "	10	M					Indiana		1		
		Elizabeth Snickler	8	F					"		1		
733	733	Cynthia Brintle	27	F		Housewife			"				
		Mary "	13	F					"				
		Martha "	1	F					"				
734	734	Stephen Blake	37	M		Farmer	4320	3776	"				
		Elizabeth "	38	F		Housewife			"				
		Noelta B "	6	M					"		1		
		Stranda V "	3	M					"				
		Dawson S "	2	M					"				
		John C "	2/12	M					"				
		Ezrael Blake	55	M					"				
		Sylvia "	74	F			5250		"				
		No. white males, 19 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____					41705	12895	No. idiotic, ____				No. convicts, ____
		No. white females, 17 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____							No. paupers, ____				
		40											

"1860 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4215020_00101?pId=8319092 : accessed 26 Nov 2021), Indiana > Decatur > Washington > Image 58 of 102.

Figure 16.2

Excerpt of Deposition for Edward Roberts[17]



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DEPOSITION J

Case of Edward Roberts, No. 156612

On this 26 day of Dec, 1884, at Hollon, County of Ripley State of Indiana, before me, J. H. McCoy, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Jeremiah Roberts, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: that his age 48 years, post office address Hollon Ripley Co. Ind, and that his occupation is that of a physician,

2, How long have you been practicing medicine?

A, I have been located by myself the last 15 years - I done some practice before that for some two or three years,

Q, What was the state of your Brothers Edward Roberts health when he en-

listed in the U. S. Service in May Dec.

Excerpt from the Civil War Pension Records for Edward Roberts
Received Nov 2019 from the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

Figure 16.3

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Physician Registrations

The following is a list of the practic ing physicians of Ripley county who have registered at the Clerk's office as the law requires. David B. Abbott, Milan; Mano Abbott, Milan; James Anderson, Versailles; Chas. B. Anderson, Versailles; Chas. M. Brown, New Marion; John T. Brenton, Osgood; Marshall J. Barkley, Tanners Creek; Freeman Clark, Rei; C. H. Cass, Holton; J. R. Davis, Morris; E. D. Freeman, Osgood; Jno. P. Freeland, Sunman; Jno. Hoel, Stumpke's Corner; B R. Hicks, Napoleon; Wm. Horton, Pierceville; Jno. N. Hess, St. Magdalene; R. P. Hazzard, Holton; J. G. Jones Versailles; L. W. D. Jerman, Batesville; A. W. Joseph, Napoleon; J F. Lamb, Cross Plains; R. H. Mills, Friendship; R T. Olmsted, Rexville; Geo. E. Parsons, Rei; Jno. M. Robinson, Versailles; Jas. T. Ratcliff, Morris; Jerry Roberts, Holton; D. M. Redlon, Pierceville; Jno. M. Sweezy, Cross Plains; Geo. F. Schlosser, Sunman; Ben. F. VanAntwerp, Marble Corner. M. C. Vest, Lincolnville; Edwin B. Vincent, Sunman; Jos. Ziteke, Napoleon.

Versailles (IN) Republican
21 Jun 1883, pg. 3.

The following named physicians have complied with the law regulating the practice of medicine:

Edward D. Freeman, Osgood, graduate of Medical College of Ohio, February, 1877.

James Anderson, Versailles, graduate, March 1, 1865, of the University of Nashville, Tenn., and March 2, 1869, of Miasni Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio.

George F. Schloesser, Sunman, practice of ten years.

R. H. Miller, Cross Plains, graduate of Ohio Medical College, March 1876.

John R. Davis, Morris, graduate of Ohio Medical College, March 1876.

John C. Hicks, Napoleon, graduate of Physio Medical College, February, 1867.

E. D. Rodgers, Milan, graduate of Miami Medical College, March, 1884.

Alex F. Joseph, Napoleon, graduate of Cincinnati Medical College, February, 1862.

John N. Hess, New Marion, graduate of Nashville Medical College, February, 1881.

Jerry Roberts, Holton, graduate of Miami Medical College.

Freeman Clark, Rei, graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, February, 1858.

R. T. Olmstead, Rexville, graduate of Ohio Medical College, 1879.

W. M Holbert, Elrod, graduate of Nashville Medical College, 1879.

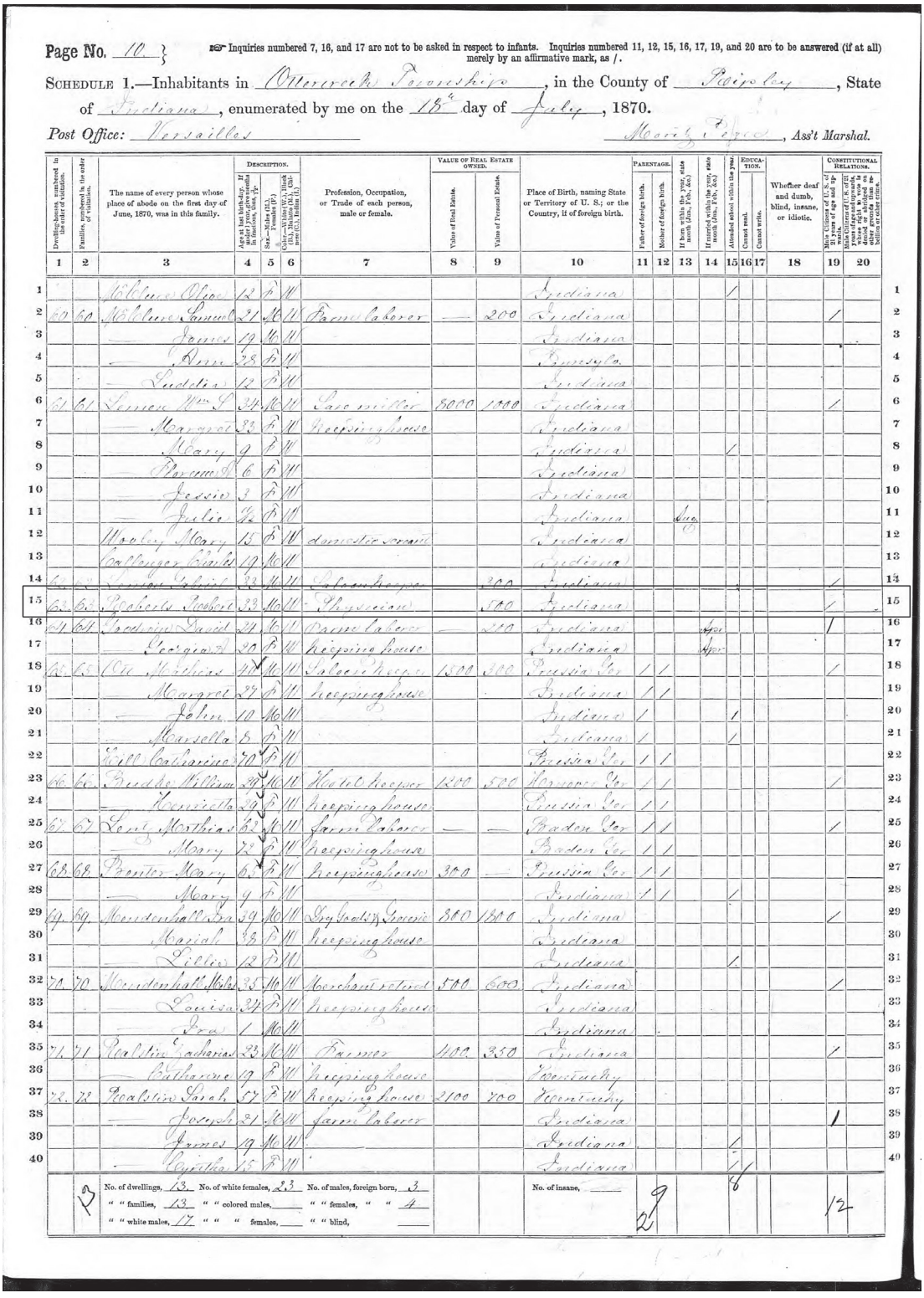
John G. Jones, Versailles, graduate of Miami Medical College, 1872.

Osgood (IN) Ripley County Journal,
20 Aug 1885, pg. 2.

(both from newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 16.4

1870 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Ottercreek Township, in the County of Ripley, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 18th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Versailles — Morris Pepper, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, state months in fraction, thus, 6/12.	Description: Sex—Males (M.) Females (F.)	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Real Estate Owned: Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month [thus, Feb., &c.]	If married within the year, state month [thus, Feb., &c.]	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age—Native.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age—Naturalized.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1		McClure Alex	12	M	W				Indiana					/					
2	60	60 McClure Samuel	21	M	W	Farm Laborer	—	200	Indiana									/	
3		James	19	M	W				Indiana										
4		Ann	28	F	W				Kentucky										
5		Ludelia	12	F	W				Indiana										
6	61	61 Lemen Wm S	34	M	W	Saw miller	8000	1000	Indiana									/	
7		Margaret	33	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
8		Mary	9	F	W				Indiana					/					
9		Parmenia	6	F	W				Indiana										
10		Jessie	3	F	W				Indiana										
11		Julia	1/2	F	W				Indiana			Dec.							
12		Wooley Mary	15	F	W	domestic servt			Indiana										
13		Ballenger Francis	19	M	W				Indiana										
14	62	62 Lemon Calvin	32	M	W	Saloon Keeper		200	Indiana									/	
15	63	63 Isabels Robert	33	M	W	Physician		500	Indiana									/	
16	64	64 Lowrey David	24	M	W	Farm Laborer	—	200	Indiana				Apr.					/	
17		Georgia A	20	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana				Apr.						
18	65	65 Mathias Ch	40	M	W	Saloon Keeper	1500	500	Prussia Sax	/	/							/	
19		Margret	37	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana	/	/								
20		John	10	M	W				Indiana	/				/					
21		Marcella	8	F	W				Indiana	/				/					
22		Gill Catharine	70	F	W				Prussia Sax	/	/								
23	66	66 Burdke William	29	M	W	Hotel Keeper	1200	500	Hannover Sax	/	/							/	
24		Henrietta	29	F	W	Keeping House			Prussia Sax	/	/								
25	67	67 Lent Mathias	52	M	W	Farm Laborer	—	—	Baden Sax	/	/							/	
26		Mary	32	F	W	Keeping House			Baden Sax	/	/								
27	68	68 Prentice Mary	65	F	W	Keeping House	300	—	Prussia Sax	/	/								
28		Mary	4	F	W				Indiana	/	/			/					
29	69	69 Mendenhall Benj	59	M	W	Dry Goods Grocer	800	1800	Indiana									/	
30		Majah	58	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
31		Lelia	12	F	W				Indiana					/					
32	70	70 Mendenhall Miles	35	M	W	Merchant retired	500	600	Indiana									/	
33		Louisa	34	F	W	Keeping House			Indiana										
34		Son	1	M	W				Indiana										
35	71	71 Rollin Zacharias	23	M	W	Farmer	100	350	Indiana									/	
36		Catharine	19	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky										
37	72	72 Rollin Sarah	57	F	W	Keeping House	2100	700	Kentucky										
38		Joseph	21	M	W	Farm Laborer			Indiana									/	
39		James	19	M	W				Indiana					/					
40		Cynthia	15	F	W				Indiana					/					

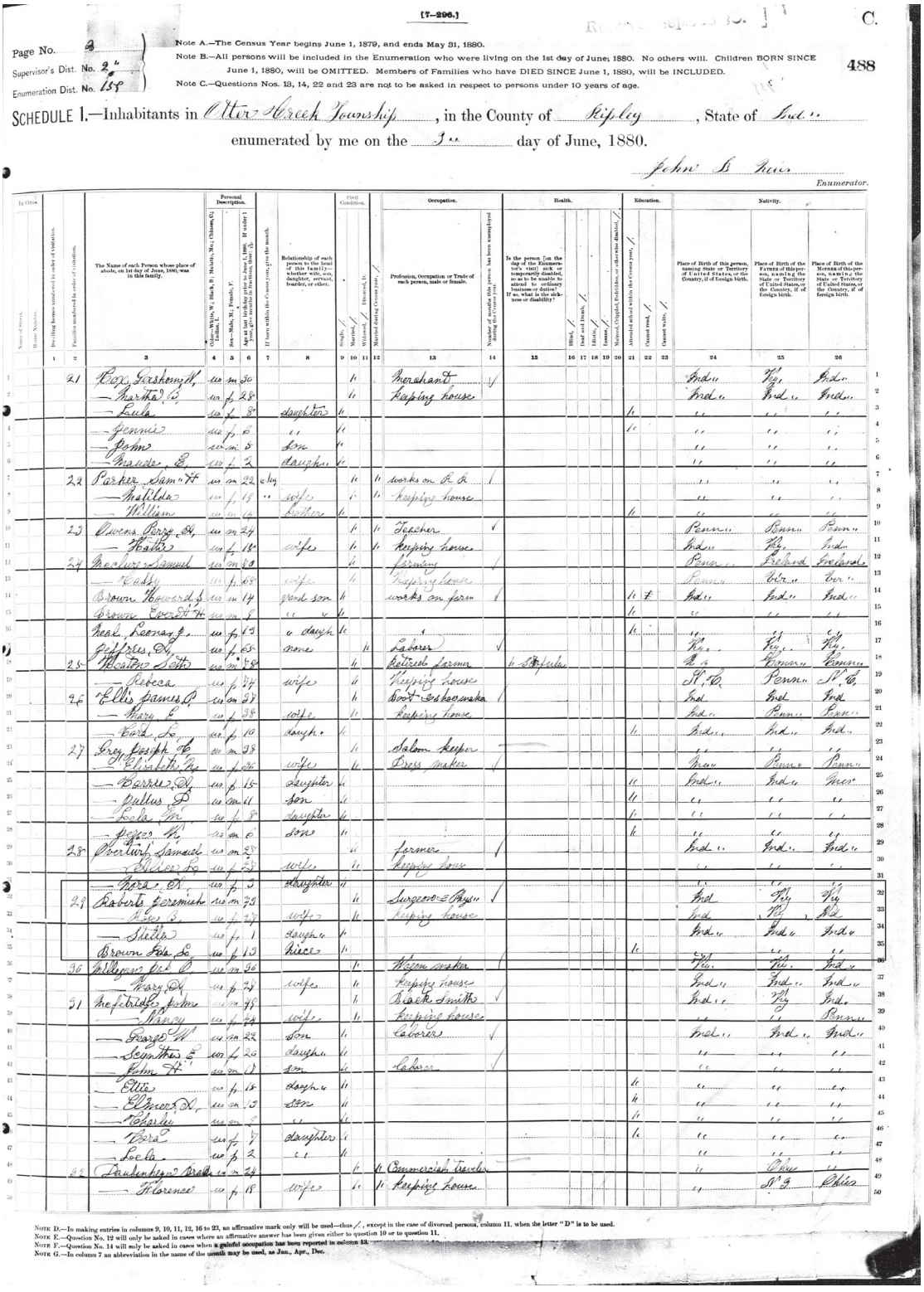
No. of dwellings, 13 — No. of white females, 23 — No. of males, foreign born, 3
" " families, 13 — " " colored males, — — " " females, " " 4
" " white males, 17 — " " " females, — — " " blind, —

No. of insane, —

29 — 8 — 12

Figure 16.5

1880 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 159

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Otter Creek Township, in the County of Ripley, State of Ind.
enumerated by me on the 3rd day of June, 1880.

John S Rees
Enumerator.

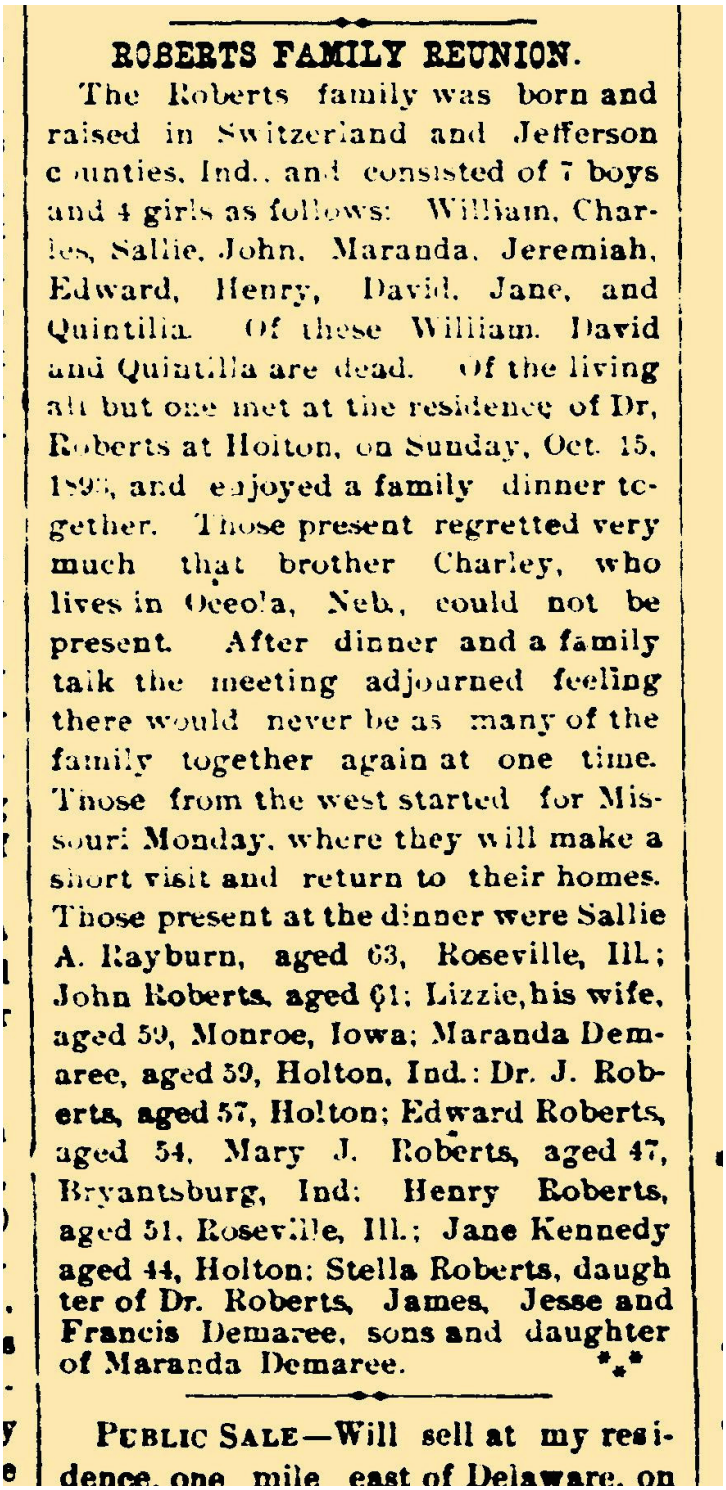
In Office	Dwelling-houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, Ch.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fraction, thus: 6/12.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or others.	Civil Condition. Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced.	Married during Census year.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1		21	Rice Jeremiah	w	m	50				1				Merchant											Ind	Ky	Ind
2			— Martha E	w	f	28				1				Keeping house											Ind	Ind	Ind
3			— Lula	w	f	8		daughter		1												1					
4			— Jennie	w	f	6		"		1												1			"	"	"
5			— John	w	m	5		Son		1															"	"	"
6			— Maude E	w	f	2		daughr		1															"	"	"
7		22	Parker Sam H	w	m	22	Aug			1				works on R R											"	"	"
8			— Matilda	w	f	18	"	wife		1				keeping house											"	"	"
9			— William	w	m	1/12		Father		1												1			"	"	"
10		23	Owens Perry D	w	m	24				1				Teacher											Penn	Penn	Penn
11			— Hattie	w	f	18		wife		1				keeping house											Ind	Ky	Ind
12		24	Mechlin Samuel	w	m	80				1				farming											Penn	Ireland	Ireland
13			— Sally	w	f	68		wife		1				keeping house											Penn	Ger	Ger
14			Brown Hayward J	w	m	14		grand son		1				works on farm								1	7		Ind	Ind	Ind
15			Brown Everett H	w	m	8		" "		1												1			"	"	"
16			Neal Leonard	w	f	43		a daugh		1												1			"	"	"
17			Fellows Dy	w	f	65		none			1			Laborer											Ky	Ky	Ky
18		25	Boston Seth	w	m	58				1				Retired farmer											N C	Penn	Penn
19			— Rebecca	w	f	54		wife		1				Keeping house											N C	Penn	N C
20		26	Ellis James P	w	m	27				1				Boot & shoemaker											Ind	Ind	Ind
21			— Mary E	w	f	28		wife		1				Keeping house											Ind	Penn	Penn
22			Ford Jo	w	f	10		daughr		1												1			Ind	Ind	Ind
23		27	Grey Joseph R	w	m	38				1				Saloon keeper											"	"	"
24			— Elizabeth Ry	w	f	36		wife		1				Dress maker											Penn	Penn	Penn
25			— Barrie D	w	f	15		daughter		1												1			Ind	Ind	Tenn
26			— Julius D	w	m	11		Son		1												1			"	"	"
27			— Lola M	w	f	8		daughter		1												1			"	"	"
28			— Peter M	w	m	6		Son		1												1			"	"	"
29		28	Peerless Samuel	w	m	28				1				Farmer											Ind	Ind	Ind
30			— Eliza Jo	w	f	23		wife		1				Keeping house											"	"	"
31			— Tara D	w	f	3		daughter		1															"	"	"
32		29	Roberts Jeremiah	w	m	29				1				Surgeon & Physn											Ind	Ky	Ky
33			— Rose B	w	f	27		wife		1				keeping house											Ind	Ky	Ky
34			— Stella	w	f	1		daughr		1															Ind	Ind	Ind
35			Brown Ida Jo	w	f	13		Niece		1												1			"	"	"
36		30	Pilgrim Jas C	w	m	36				1				Warm master											Ky	Ky	Ind
37			— Mary A	w	f	28		wife		1				Keeping house											Ind	Ind	Ind
38		31	Hefferlin John	w	m	48				1				Black Smith											Ky	Ind	Ind
39			— Nancy	w	f	44		wife		1				Keeping house											"	"	Penn
40			— George W	w	m	23		Son		1				Laborer											Ind	Ind	Ind
41			— Seynthes E	w	f	20		daughr		1															"	"	"
42			— John H	w	m	17		Son		1				Laborer											"	"	"
43			— Ellis	w	f	15		daughr		1												1			"	"	"
44			— Elmore D	w	m	13		Son		1												1			"	"	"
45			— Roberts	w	m	8		"		1												1			"	"	"
46			— Vera	w	f	1		daughter		1												1			"	"	"
47			— Lola	w	f	2		"		1															"	"	"
48		32	Dankenbrey Wash	w	m	24					1			Commercial Traveler											"	Ohio	"
49			— Florence	w	f	18		wife			1			Keeping house											"	Ky	Ohio

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Figure 16.6

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion



ROBERTS FAMILY REUNION.

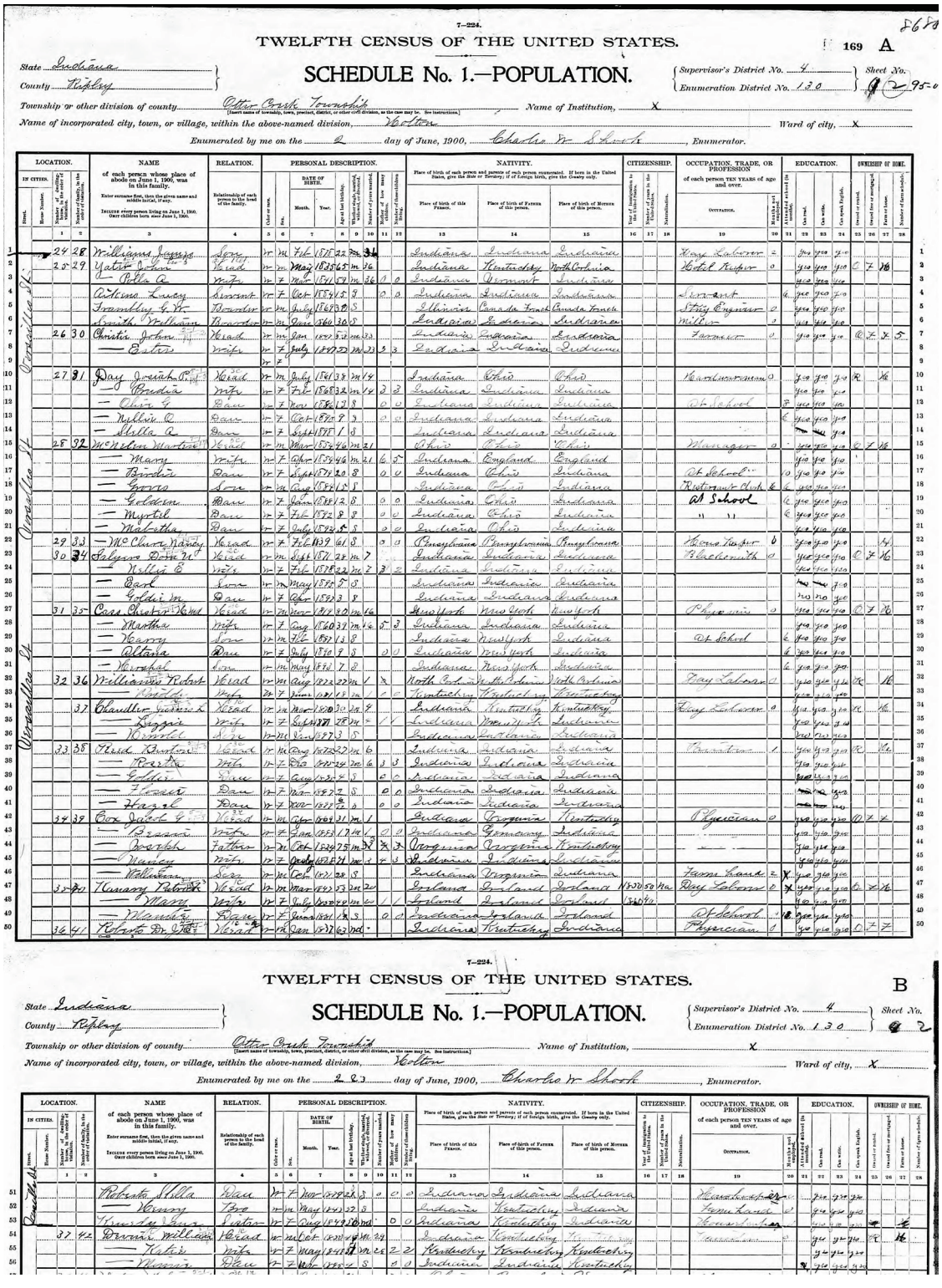
The Roberts family was born and raised in Switzerland and Jefferson counties, Ind., and consisted of 7 boys and 4 girls as follows: William, Charles, Sallie, John, Maranda, Jeremiah, Edward, Henry, David, Jane, and Quintilla. Of these William, David and Quintilla are dead. Of the living all but one met at the residence of Dr, Roberts at Holton, on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1893, and enjoyed a family dinner together. Those present regretted very much that brother Charley, who lives in Oceola, Neb., could not be present. After dinner and a family talk the meeting adjourned feeling there would never be as many of the family together again at one time. Those from the west started for Missouri Monday, where they will make a short visit and return to their homes. Those present at the dinner were Sallie A. Rayburn, aged 63, Roseville, Ill.; John Roberts, aged 61; Lizzie, his wife, aged 59, Monroe, Iowa; Maranda Demaree, aged 59, Holton, Ind.: Dr. J. Roberts, aged 57, Holton; Edward Roberts, aged 54, Mary J. Roberts, aged 47, Bryantsburg, Ind; Henry Roberts, aged 51, Roseville, Ill.; Jane Kennedy aged 44, Holton: Stella Roberts, daughter of Dr. Roberts, James, Jesse and Francis Demaree, sons and daughter of Maranda Demaree. ***

PUBLIC SALE—Will sell at my residence, one mile east of Delaware, on

The Ripley Journal (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 16.7

1900 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. 169 A

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Indiana. County Ripley. Township or other division of county Otter Creek Township. Name of Institution, X. Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Holton. Ward of city, X. Enumerated by me on the 2 day of June, 1900, Charles W Shook, Enumerator. Supervisor's District No. 4. Enumeration District No. 130. Sheet No. 9.

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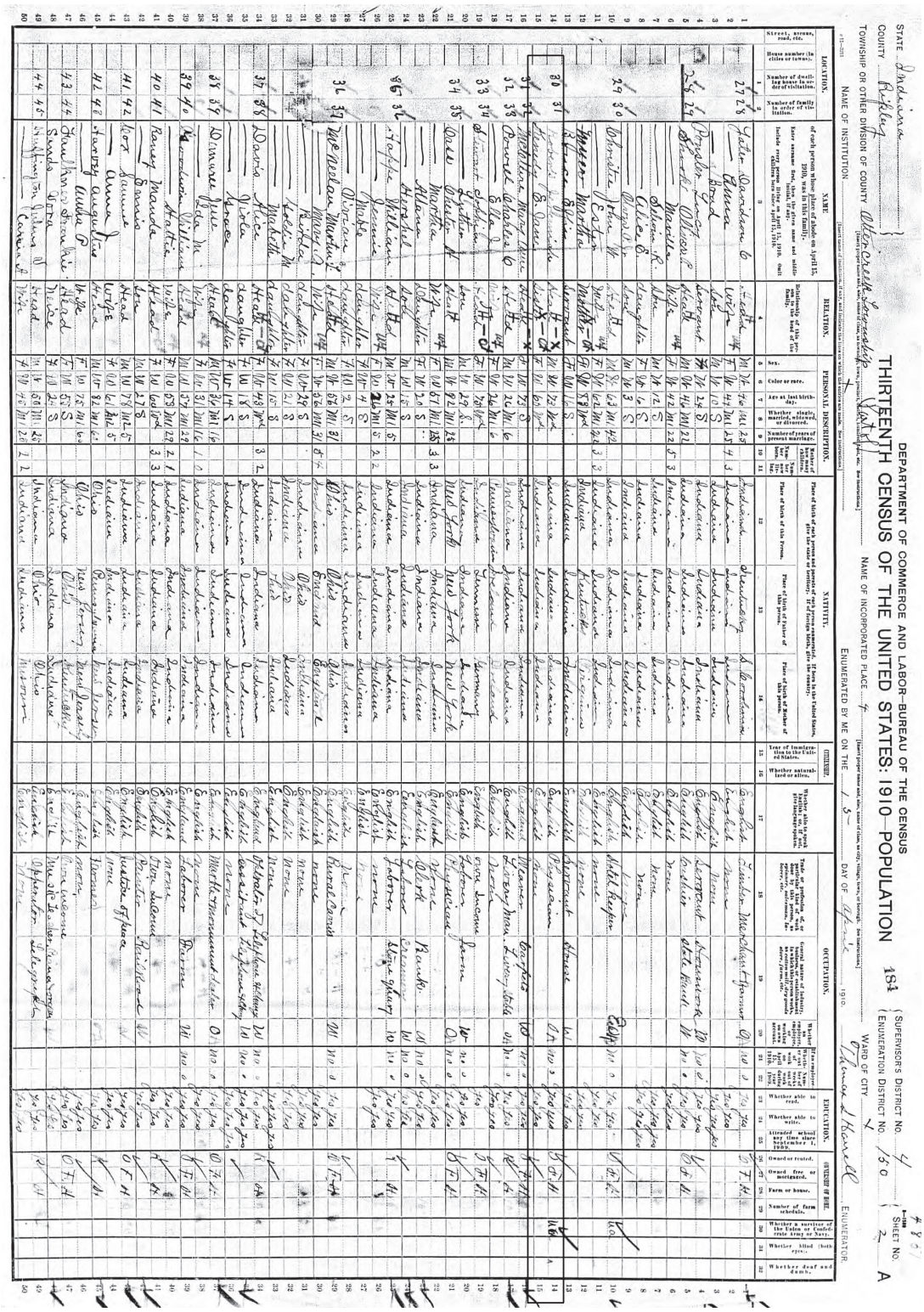
State Indiana. County Ripley. Township or other division of county Otter Creek Township. Name of Institution, X. Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Holton. Ward of city, X. Enumerated by me on the 2 day of June, 1900, Charles W Shook, Enumerator. Supervisor's District No. 4. Enumeration District No. 130. Sheet No. 2.

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Note: Jeremiah's family begins at the bottom of the first image and continues to the next.

Figure 16.8

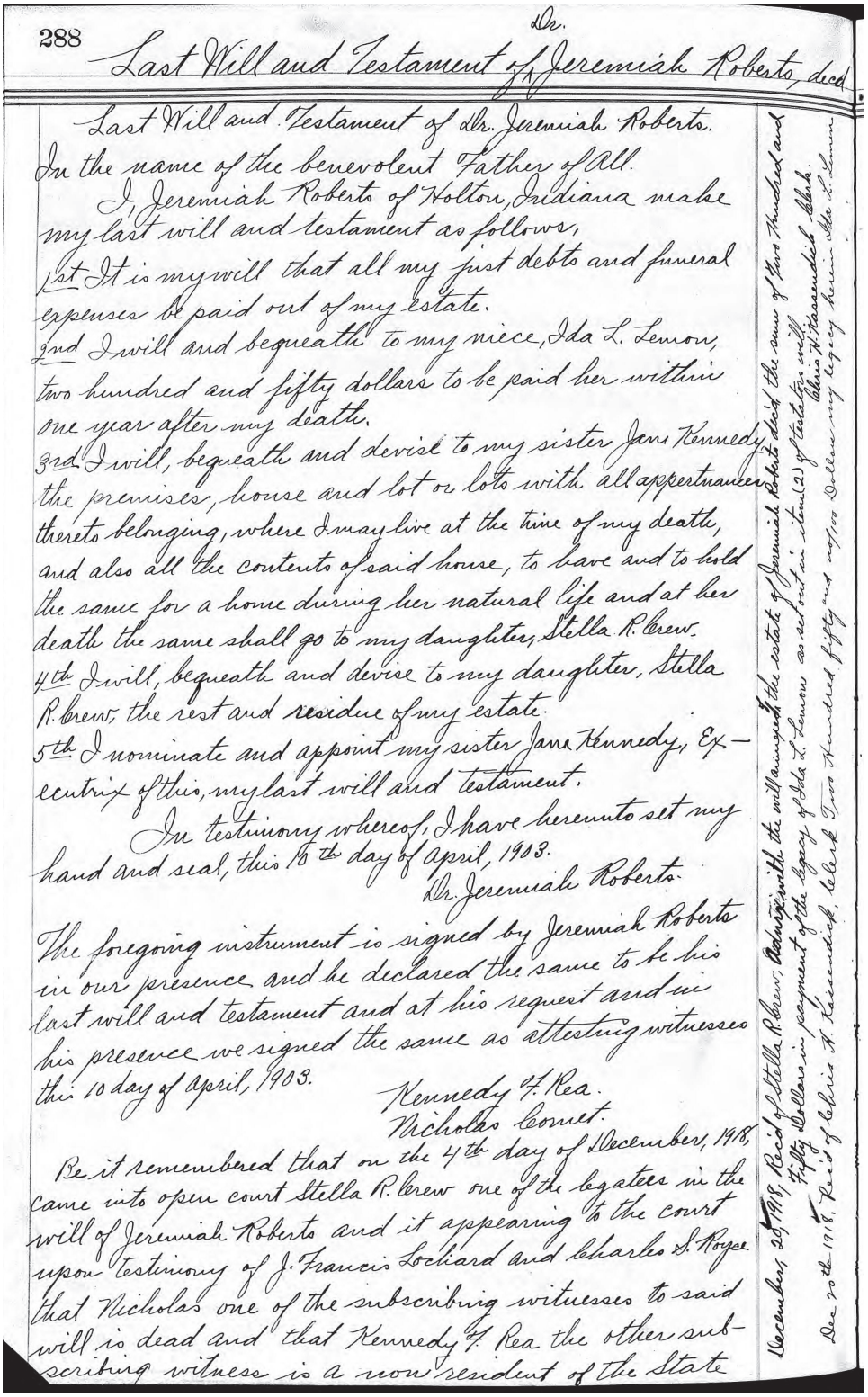
1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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Figure 16.9 (2 pages)

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Will



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Last Will and Testament of Jeremiah Roberts, decd

Last Will and Testament of Dr. Jeremiah Roberts.

In the name of the benevolent Father of All.

I, Jeremiah Roberts of Holton, Indiana make my last will and testament as follows,

1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2nd I will and bequeath to my niece, Ida L. Lemon, two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her within one year after my death.

3rd I will, bequeath and devise to my sister Jane Kennedy, the premises, house and lot or lots with all appertenances thereto belonging, where I may live at the time of my death, and also all the contents of said house, to have and to hold the same for a home during her natural life and at her death the same shall go to my daughter, Stella R. Drew.

4th I will, bequeath and devise to my daughter, Stella R. Drew, the rest and residue of my estate.

5th I nominate and appoint my sister Jane Kennedy, Executrix of this, my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 10th day of April, 1903.

Dr. Jeremiah Roberts

The foregoing instrument is signed by Jeremiah Roberts in our presence and he declared the same to be his last will and testament and at his request and in his presence we signed the same as attesting witnesses this 10 day of April, 1903.

Kennedy H. Rea.
Nicholas Cornet.

Be it remembered that on the 4th day of December, 1918, came into open court Stella R. Drew one of the legatees in the will of Jeremiah Roberts and it appearing to the court upon testimony of J. Francis Lochiard and Charles S. Royce that Nicholas one of the subscribing witnesses to said will is dead and that Kennedy H. Rea the other subscribing witness is a non resident of the State

December 2d 1918, Rec'd of Stella R. Drew, Executrix with the will annexed of the estate of Jeremiah Roberts decd. the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the legacy of Ida L. Lemon as set out in item (2) of said Last will.
Elbin H. Hasenwinkle, Clerk.

Dec 20th 1918, Rec'd of Elbin H. Hasenwinkle, Clerk Two Hundred fifty and no/100 Dollars in full of legacy to me given in the above Last will.
Ida L. Lemon

"Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663847_00177?pId=273246 : accessed 26 Nov 2021), Ripley > Will Records, Vol H, 1913-1922 > Image 177 of 341.

Jeremiah Roberts. Will.

of Indiana and it further appearing to the court from the evidence of said witness that they were each well acquainted with the handwriting of said attesting witness and that the signatures of said Nicholas Cornet deceased as attesting witness to said will was in his own proper handwriting and that the signature of Kennedy F. Rea as attesting witness to said will was in his own proper hand writing and it further appearing to the court from the testimony of Smith Harrell that said Jeremiah Roberts departed this life on the - day of 1918 and that the signature of said Jeremiah Roberts to his said last will was in his own proper handwriting, and the court being fully satisfied as to the proof of the execution of the said will orders that the same be probated and said will is duly admitted to probate and record and reads as follows, to-wit (here insert.)

Transcript

Last Will and Testament of Dr. Jeremiah Roberts, dec'd

Last Will and Testament of Dr. Jeremiah Roberts.

In the name of the benevolent Father of all.

I, Jeremiah Roberts of Holton, Indiana make my last will and testament as follows,

1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2nd I will and bequeath to my niece, Ida L. Lemon, two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her within one year after my death.

3rd I will, bequeath and devise to my sister Jane Kennedy the premises, house and lot or lots with all appertuances thereto belonging, where I may live at the time of my death, and also all the contents of said house, to have and to hold the same for a home during her natural life and at her death the same shall go to my daughter, Stella R. Crew.

4th I will, bequeath and devise to my daughter, Stella R. Crew, the rest and residue of my estate.

5th I nominate and appoint my sister Jane Kennedy, Executrix of this, my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 10th day of April, 1903.

Dr. Jeremiah Roberts

The foregoing instrument is signed by Jeremiah Roberts in our presence and he declared the same to be his last will and testament and at his request and in his presence we signed the same as attesting witnesses this 10 day of April, 1903.

Kennedy F. Rea
Nicholas Cornet

Be it remembered that on the 4th day of December, 1918, came into open court Stella R. Crew one of the legatees in the will of Jeremiah Roberts and it appearing to the court upon testimony of J. Francis Lochard and Charles S. Royce that Nicholas one of the subscribing witnesses to said will is dead and that Kennedy F. Rea the other subscribing witness is a non resident of the State of Indiana and it further appearing to the court from the evidence of said witness that they were each well acquainted with the handwriting of said attesting witness and that the signatures of said Nicholas Cornet deceased as attesting witness to said will was in his own proper handwriting and that the signature of Kennedy F. Rea as attesting witness to said will was in his own proper hand writing and it further appearing to the court from the testimony of Smith Harrell that said Jeremiah Roberts departed this life on the – day of 1918 and that the signature of said Jeremiah Roberts to his said last will was in his own proper handwriting, and the court being fully satisfied as to the proof of the execution of the said will orders that the same be probated and said will is duly admitted to probate and record and reads as follows to-wit (here insert)

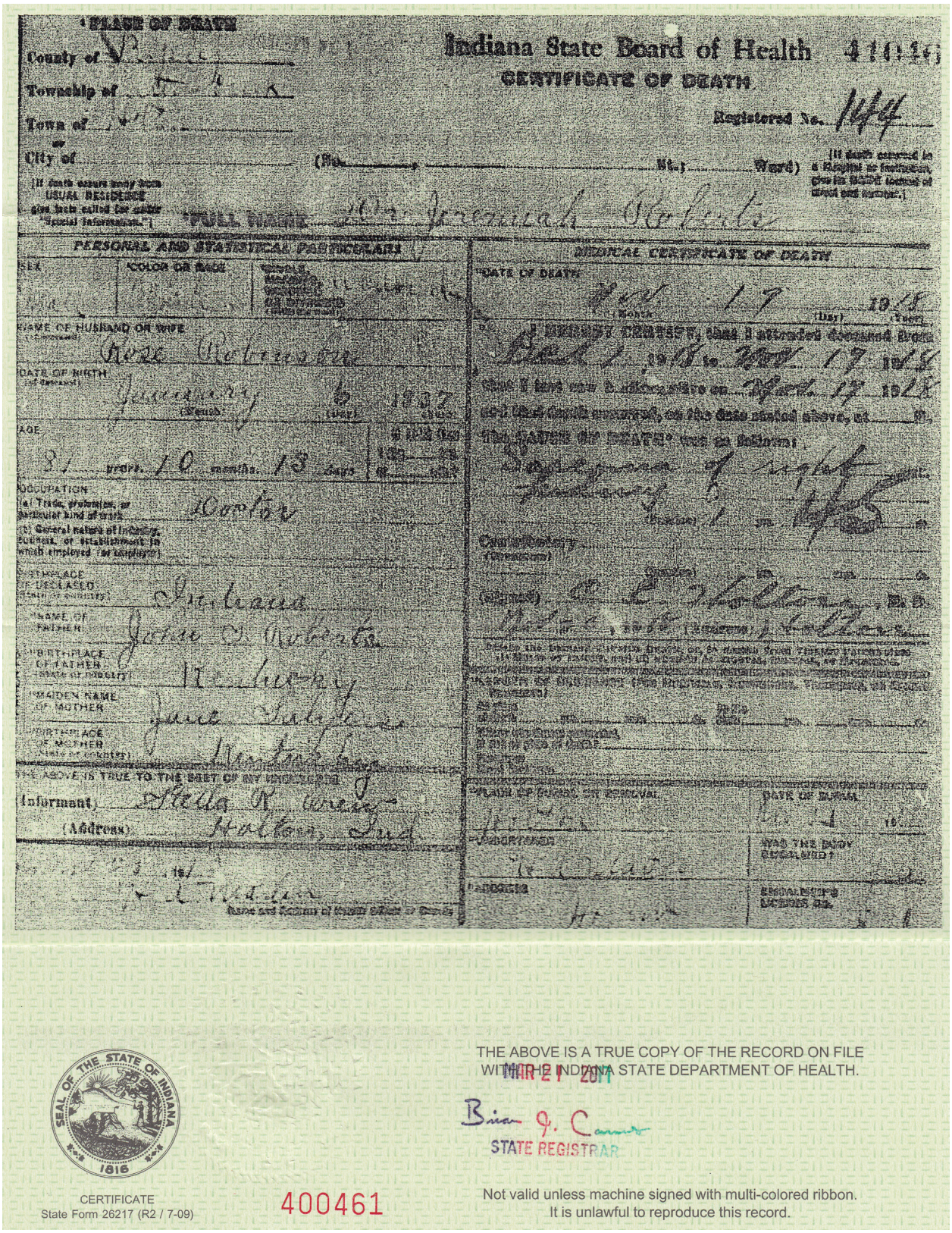
{The following is written in the margin of page 1}
December 20, 1918, Rec'd of Stella R. Crew Adurx with the will annexed of the estate of Jeremiah Roberts dec'd, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the legacy of Ida L. Lemon as set out in item (2) of testators will.

Chris H. Kassendick, Clerk

Dec 20th 1918, Rec'd of Chris H. Kassendick, Clerk Two Hundred fifty and no/100 Dollars my legacy herein.
Ida L. Lemon

Figure 16.10

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Death Certificate


PLACE OF DEATH

Indiana State Board of Health

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registered No. 144

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RECORD ON FILE WITH THE INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

MAR 21 2011

STATE REGISTRAR

CERTIFICATE
State Form 26217 (R2 / 7-09)

400461

Not valid unless machine signed with multi-colored ribbon.
It is unlawful to reproduce this record.

From the personal records of Jon A. Roberts.

Figure 16.11

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Obituary

Prominent Holton Physician Passes to His Final Reward.

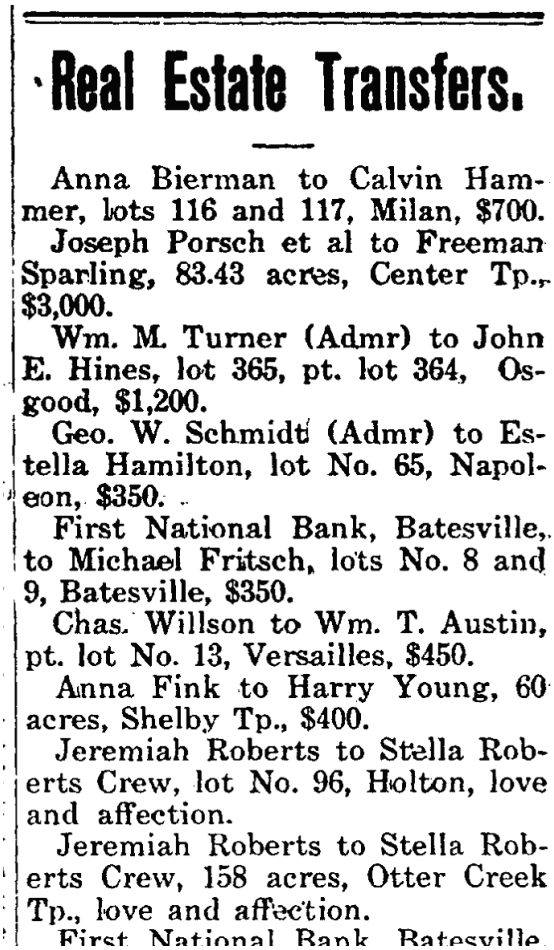
After a lingering illness of several weeks, Dr. Jeremiah Roberts, aged 81 years, died at his home in Holton, Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock of infirmities brought on by old age. Dr. Roberts had been a practicing physician in Holton for many years and had the respect of every one who knew him. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Crew, of Sheridan, Wyoming, and three brothers, one of whom is Henry Roberts, of Holton. His wife died several years ago.

He was a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge of Holton, who will have charge of the services. He was also a member of the Hopewell Baptist church, whose minister will assist with the funeral services which will be held at the residence in Holton Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m.

Osgood (IN) Journal, 20 Nov 1918, pg. 1 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 16.12

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Real Estate & Stock Transfers, and Inheritance Tax



Real Estate Transfers.

Anna Bierman to Calvin Hammer, lots 116 and 117, Milan, $700.

Joseph Porsch et al to Freeman Sparling, 83.43 acres, Center Tp., $3,000.

Wm. M. Turner (Admr) to John E. Hines, lot 365, pt. lot 364, Osgood, $1,200.

Geo. W. Schmidt (Admr) to Estella Hamilton, lot No. 65, Napoleon, $350.

First National Bank, Batesville, to Michael Fritsch, lots No. 8 and 9, Batesville, $350.

Chas. Willson to Wm. T. Austin, pt. lot No. 13, Versailles, $450.

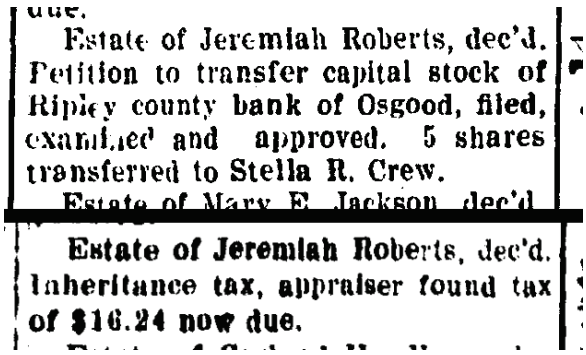
Anna Fink to Harry Young, 60 acres, Shelby Tp., $400.

Jeremiah Roberts to Stella Roberts Crew, lot No. 96, Holton, love and affection.

Jeremiah Roberts to Stella Roberts Crew, 158 acres, Otter Creek Tp., love and affection.

First National Bank Batesville

Osgood (IN) Journal, 25 Dec 1918, pg. 6



due.

Estate of Jeremiah Roberts, dec'd. Petition to transfer capital stock of Ripley county bank of Osgood, filed, examined and approved. 5 shares transferred to Stella R. Crew.

Estate of Mary E. Jackson, dec'd

Estate of Jeremiah Roberts, dec'd. Inheritance tax, appraiser found tax of $16.24 now due.

Top: *Versailles (IN) Republican*, 24 Sep 1919, pg. 4.
Bottom: *Versailles (IN) Republican*, 1 Oct 1919, pg. 9

All from newspaperarchive.com

Figure 16.13

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Final Settlement

Notice to Heirs, Creditors, Etc.

In the matter of the Estate of Jeremiah Roberts, deceased.

In the Ripley Circuit Court, February Term, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Stella R Crew as Administratrix of the estate of Jeremiah Roberts deceased, has filed her account and vouchers in Final Settlement of said estate, and that the same will come up for the examination and action of said Circuit Court on the 2nd day of February 1920, the same being 1st Judicial day of the February 1920 Term, at which time all Heirs, Creditors, or Legatees of said estate are required to appear in said court and show cause if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be approved. The heirs of the decedent and all others interested are repuired to appear and make proof of their heirship or claim to any part of said estate.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 8th day of January 1920.

CHRIS H. KASSENDICK,
Clerk.

R H. Jackson, Attorney.

Osgood (IN) Journal, 14 Jan 1920, pg. 4. (newspaperarchive.com)
Subsequent notices found in the Jan 21 and 28 editions.

Figure 16.14

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Commander,

Jessie B. Holman Post 495, G.A.R.

CORRECT, IND., March 26, 1887.

To the editor of the JOURNAL.

SIR:—The officers and members of C. C. Wheeler Post, 98, and Commander Shelp and others, of Gordon Post, 201, and numerous others from neighboring posts went to Holton to muster a post of the G. A. R. there, which was named Jessie B. Holman, No.495, after the gallant young Lieutenant of Co. B. 37th Ind., who gave his life for his country on the bloody field of battle at Stone river, and who we are sorry to say, lies in an unmarked grave on the farm of Wm. Leslie,south of Versailles. The intention was to muster the post in the morning and have a public installation after dinner, but more recruits came in and wished to be mustered, so the installation was only partially public. The following well known gentlemen were installed: Com. Jerry Roberts, of the old 7th Ind., who represented the Hoosier State in the eastern army; S. V. C., J. W. Christie, the lively 10 Ind. cavalryman; J. V. C., Leviticus Moore; Adjt., J. H. Overturf; Q. M., J. H. Scoopmire; Chap., Hillis Jackson; Sergt., John Callahan; O. D., Frank Dudley, O. G., Z. T. Ralston; S. M., Frank Knapp; Q. M. S., D. Branham. The Versailles Band and the drum corps from the country have our sincere thanks for services rendered. The Holton folks treated royally both citizens and soldiers, and all were welcome. C. C. Briant, Q. V. C. of Dept. Ind., made a good speech. Comrade John O. Cravens as mustering officer performed his duties well, and gave us one of his characteristic speeches which stirs the boys so well. Com. Charley Shelp, of Gordon post gave the boys some good advice from that well working post. Nineteen were mustered in the morning, four after noon, and one by transfer from Wheeler post, Jas. W. Cooper, who they are sorry to lose. By the way, would it not be in order for the relatives and friends of Lieutenant Holman and the Post to move his remains to Holton,the place of his birth? G. A. R.

The Ripley Journal (Osgood, IN), 31 Mar 1887, pg. 8 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 16.15

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Special Organizer, Bimetallic League of Ripley County

THE JOURNAL, - Osgood, Ind

C. W. Gray, Editor and Prop'r.

Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office, Osgood, Indiana.

THURSDAY, MARCA 11, 1897.

FREE SILVER MEETING.

The Bimetallic League of Ripley county will meet at the Court House in Versailles, Ind., on Saturday, March 20, 1897 at 1:30 p. m. Bimetallists of all parties are cordially invited to be present. An effort will be made to have able speaking. In compliame with a resolution of the league that the chairman appoints two members in each precinct of the county as special organizors for their respective territories, I submit the following list, subject to change and approval of the league. All the appointees are especially invited to attend said meeting.

JOHNSON TP.

N. W. Pre., John A. Spencer, T. R. Hartley; E. prect., Clark Henderson, Wm. Rosengarn; S. W. prect., John R. Livingston Roland Jackson.

WASHINGTON TP.

N. prect., J. C. Fleming, Geo. Rupp; S. prect., Wm. Hundley, Geo. Miller.

BROWN TP.

E. prect., Ed Hillis, Jerry Pate; W. prect., Wm. Wycoff, James Lemon.

FRANKLIN TP.

E. prect., C. D. Pohlman, Thomas Laws; W. prect., John Mehrley, C. F. Whitehead.

SHELBY TP.

1st prect., B. A. Sands, Dr. Hess; 2nd prect., L. E. Westover, J. R. Castner; 3rd prect., John Reibel, J. D. Johnson.

OTTER CREEK TP.

E. prect., Calvin Rea, Robt. Sheets; W. prect., T. J. Conover, Dr. Roberts.

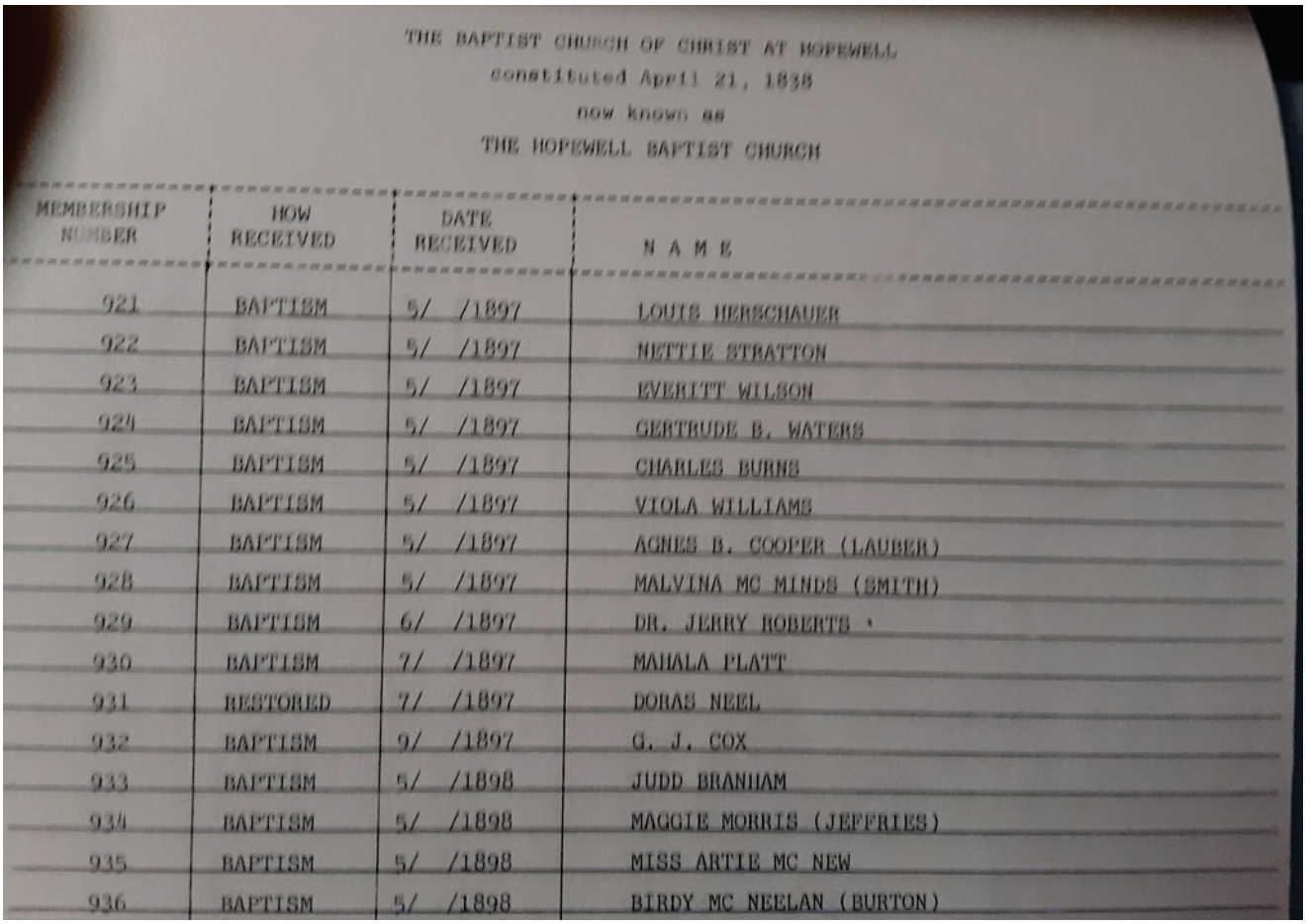
JACKSON TP.

N. prect., A. J. Deutschley, Wm. Abplanalp; S. prect., Frank Rehling, Wm Smiley.

The Ripley County Journal (Osgood, IN), 11 Mar 1897, pg. 4. (newspaperarchive.com).

Figure 16.16

Hopewell Baptist Church Member List



THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST AT HOPEWELL
constituted April 21, 1838
now known as
THE HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	HOW RECEIVED	DATE RECEIVED	N A M E
921	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	LOUIS HERSCHAUER
922	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	NETTIE STRATTON
923	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	EVERITT WILSON
924	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	GERTRUDE B. WATERS
925	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	CHARLES BURNS
926	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	VIOLA WILLIAMS
927	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	AGNES B. COOPER (LAUBER)
928	BAPTISM	5/ /1897	MALVINA MC MINDS (SMITH)
929	BAPTISM	6/ /1897	DR. JERRY ROBERTS
930	BAPTISM	7/ /1897	MAHALA PLATT
931	RESTORED	7/ /1897	DORAS NEEL
932	BAPTISM	9/ /1897	G. J. COX
933	BAPTISM	5/ /1898	JUDD BRANHAM
934	BAPTISM	5/ /1898	MAGGIE MORRIS (JEFFRIES)
935	BAPTISM	5/ /1898	MISS ARTIE MC NEW
936	BAPTISM	5/ /1898	BIRDY MC NEELAN (BURTON)

Received 19 Nov 2019 from the Hopewell Baptist Church, 2319 N. County Road 850 West, Holton, IN 47023. Saralee Cumberworth, Church Secretary, stated the church has no other records of Jeremiah.

Figure 16.17

Jeremiah Roberts[16] Stable Fire

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Special to Journal.—

Holton, Ind., June 4 1911.

About 2:30 this afternoon smoke was seen issuing from Dr. J. G. Cox's stable near the railroad and in a very short time ft burst into flames. An alarm was turned in and help soon arrived. The fire soon spread across the alley to the stable owned by Dr. Jerry Roberts. This, too, was soon a mass of flames.

The saving of nearby buildings was needful and the firemen succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading. Wm. Cox's barber shop caught fire but was extinguished before much damage was done.

Dr. Roberts had about a hundred bushel of corn and some hay burned. Loss and origin of fire unknown.

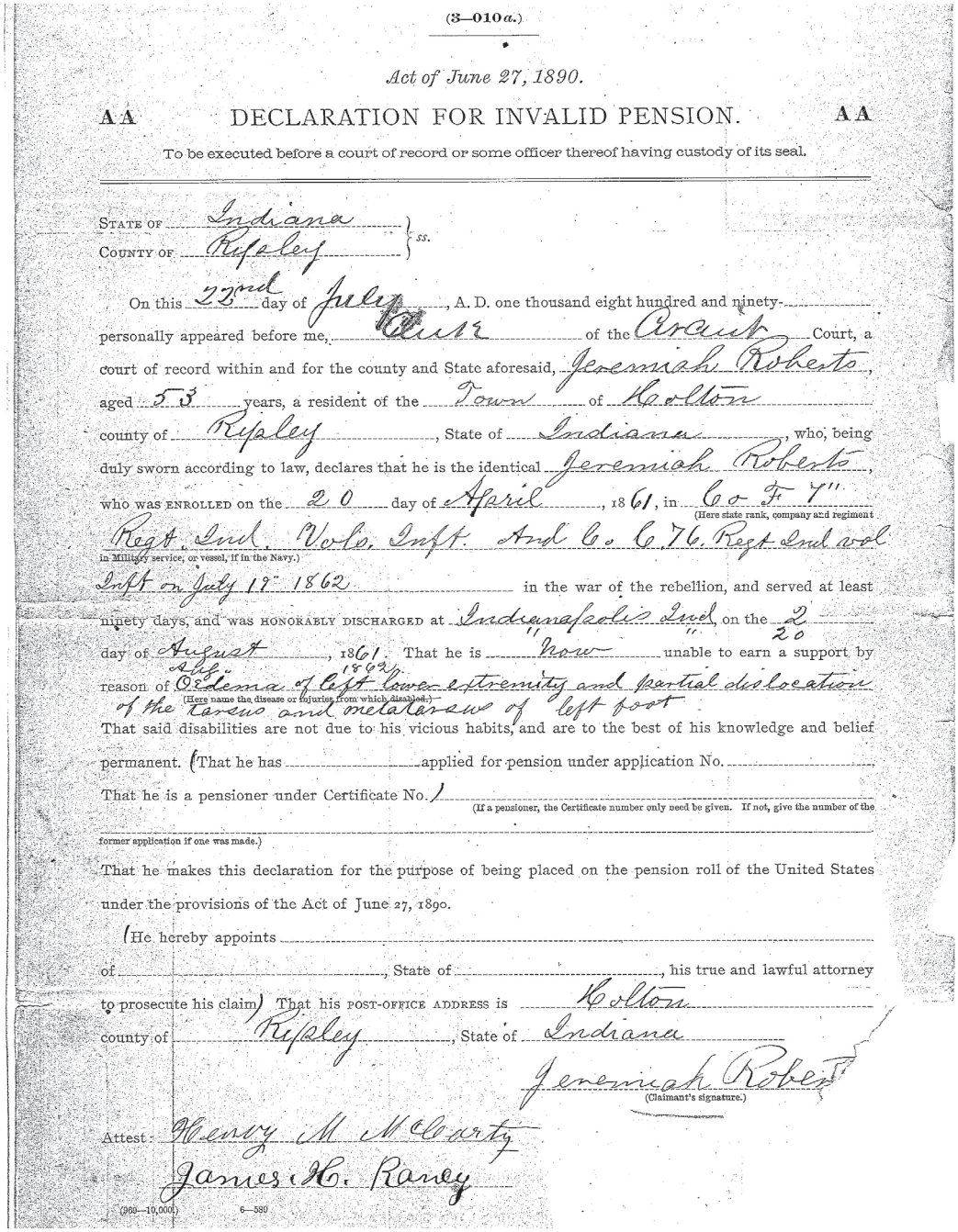
Dr. Roberts and sister were at Bryantsburg visiting at the time of the fire.

Osgood (IN) Weekly Journal, 7 Jun 1910, pg. 1. (newspaperarchive.com)

Appendix 16.1

Jeremiah Roberts Civil War Pension Records (10 pages)

The following are relevant portions of Jeremiah's Civil War Pension records, received about 4 Aug 2017 from the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. His entire record consists of 34 pages.



(3—010*a*.)

Act of June 27, 1890.

AA DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION. AA

To be executed before a court of record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal.

STATE OF Indiana
COUNTY OF Ripley } ss.

On this 22nd day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Circuit Court, a
court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jeremiah Roberts,
aged 53 years, a resident of the Town of Holton
county of Ripley, State of Indiana, who, being
duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Jeremiah Roberts,
who was ENROLLED on the 20 day of April, 1861, in Co F 7th
(Here state rank, company and regiment
Regt. Ind. Vols. Inft. And Co. C 76. Regt Ind vol
in Military service, or vessel, if in the Navy.)
Inft on July 17 1862 in the war of the rebellion, and served at least
ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Indianapolis Ind on the 2
20
day of August, 1861. That he is Now unable to earn a support by
reason of Oedema of Left Lower extremity and partial dislocation
(Here name the disease or injuries from which disabled.)
of the tarsus and metatarsus of left foot
That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief
permanent. (That he has applied for pension under application No.
That he is a pensioner under Certificate No.)
(If a pensioner, the Certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the
former application if one was made.)
That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States
under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.
(He hereby appoints
of , State of , his true and lawful attorney
to prosecute his claim.) That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is Holton
county of Ripley, State of Indiana

Jeremiah Roberts
(Claimant's signature.)

Attest: Henry M McCarty
James H. Raney

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22 Jul 1890 – Initial Declaration for Pension under the Dependent and Disability Pension Act of June 27, 1890.

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(3—145 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

735,883
Indpls.

INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, Jeremiah Roberts

P. O., Dolton,

County, Ripley,

State, Ind,

Rank, Pvt. & Pvt.

Company, F. A.

Regiment, 7 Ind. Vol. Inf. 76 Ind. Vol. Inf.

Rate, $ 12 per month, commencing July 25, 1890.

NB

Disabled by Rheumatism, disease of heart and varicose veins of both legs.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, Clm't.

P. O.,

Fee, $ Agent to pay.

Articles filed, 189

APPROVALS

Submitted for ad. Feb. 13, 1892, Geo. D. Coover, Examiner.

Approved for Admission

Corny
Legal Reviewer.

Feby 19 1892

Approved for Rheumatism - disease of heart & Varicose veins of both legs. $12.

Hollifield M.D.
Medical Referee.

Feby 29, 1892

Not now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to 18, at $

Pensioned from 18, at $, for

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted April 20, 1861, honorably discharged Aug. 2, 1861

Re-enlisted July 19, 1862, honorably discharged Aug. 20, 1862

Declaration filed July 20, 1890, alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits, from oedema of left lower extremity & partial dislocation of the tarsus & metatarsus of left foot & disease of heart & Valvular Feby 1890 he alleges he contracted Rheumatism first in Co. July 1861 & has been afflicted with it ever since & varicose veins of both legs since April 1890 when it became severe in right arm & shoulder. & that he first noticed heart trouble about April 1st 1890

Wits. to Nos 6

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13 Feb 1892 – Pension approved at a rate of $12/month. Certificate No. 735883.

3—402.

Certificate No. 735883

Name Jeremiah Roberts

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

H. D. Loighty,
U. S. Pension Agent,
Indianapolis, Ind.

H. Clay Evans
Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. No am Widower

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer.

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer.

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Yes one Stella Roberts Born November 18 / 1878

Date of reply, August 4, 1898

Jeremiah Roberts
(Signature.)

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4 Aug 1898 – Response to Questionnaire.

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ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Indiana } ss.
County of Ripley }

On this 21 day of Febrary, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Seven, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jeneniah Roberts, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Holton county of Ripley, State of Indiana; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Indianapolis Ind. under the name of Jeneniah Roberts, on the 20 day of April, 1861, as a Private, in Co. F Seventh Regt Ind. Vol. Inf.
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
at Indianapolis Ind, on the 2 day of August, 1861
That he also served as a private in Co, G 76 Ind Vol. Inft
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)
From July 19 - 1862 to August 20 - 1862

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 9 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Gray; color of hair, Dark; that his occupation was a Farmer; that he was born January 6, 1837, at Switzerland County Ind

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Bryantsburg Indiana up to 1870 then Holton to present time
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is Now a pensioner. That he has ____ heretofore applied for pension
Pension certificate # 735-883 (act June 27 1890)
(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is Holton, county of Ripley, State of Indiana

Jeneniah Roberts
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) John W Christie
(2) Michael Gallagher

Also personally appeared John W Christie, residing in Holton Ind and Michael Gallagher, residing in Holton Ind, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Jeneniah Roberts, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 50 years and 35 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

John W Christie
Michael Gallagher
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 21st day of Feby, A. D. 1907, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words ____, erased, and the words ____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

PENSION OFFICE U. S. FEB 23 1907

James M Pardun
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official character.)

6—803

21 Feb 1907 – Declaration for Pension under Act of February 6, 1907.

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Original No. ____

Certificate No. 730883.

Reissue

~~Original~~ ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Claimant, Jeremiah Roberts

P. O., Horton

County, Ripley

State, Indiana

Rank Private and Private

Company F. 6.

Regiment, 7 Indiana Vol. Inf. 76 Ind. Vol. Inf.

Rate, $ 15 per month, commencing February 23, 1904.

Discharged as Co. A, 76 Regt. Ind. Vol. Inf.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, ____

P. O., ____

Weaton

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Adm. April 30, 1907 Andrews W.H. Examiner.

Approved for admission

Age over 70.

Rate $15. per month.

Reissue to allow under Act February 6, 1907.

Deduct sub. payments and drop name from rolls under act June 27, 1890

May 10, 1907 E.B. Brown Legal Reviewer. May 13, 1907, C. J. Slade, Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted April 30", 1861; honorably discharged Aug. 2", 1861

Enlisted July 19", 1862 honorably discharged Aug. 20", 1862

Enlisted ____, 18__; honorably discharged ____, 18__

Pensioned at $12 per month, under Act June 27 1890.

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Declaration filed Feb. 23", 1907

Date of birth alleged, Jan. 6," 1837.

Age shown by evidence 70 years.

Claimant does ____ write.

Lincoln Nelson

Yes Ayer, M. C.

6—810

30 Apr 1907 – Certificate reissued at a rate of $15/month.

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ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Indiana } ss.
County of Ripley }

On this 8 day of January, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jeremiah Roberts, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 75 years of age, and a resident of Holton county of Ripley, State of Indiana; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Indianapolis Indiana under the name of Jeremiah Roberts, on the 20 day of April, 1861 as a Private, in Co. F. 7th Regt. Indiana Vol. Inft.
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army; or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at Indianapolis Indiana, on the 2nd day of August, 1861
That he also served in Co. G. 76 Regt Ind Vol Inft.
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)
was enrolled on the 19th day of July 1862
and was discharged on the 20th day of August 1862.

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 9 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Grey; color of hair, Dark; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born January 6, 1837 at Switzerland County Indiana

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Bryants Burg Indiana until April 1870 Since then Holton Indiana
(State date of each change as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner. That he has not heretofore applied for pension
Pens Certificate No 735883
(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is Holton, county of Ripley, State of Indiana

Jeremiah Roberts
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Attest: (1) .....
(2) .....

Also personally appeared Samuel F. McMinds residing in Holton Indiana and James E. McClure, residing in Holton Indiana, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Jeremiah Roberts, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 30 years and 30 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Samuel F. McMinds
James E. McClure
(Signatures of witnesses.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1912; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing.

PENSION U. S. JAN 10 1912 ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Voucher accepted for payment on execution
S. A. Cuddy,
Chief, Law Division
per W F

including the words ..... erased
and the words ..... added;
and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. S. Huntington
(Signature.)
Notary Public
(Official character.)

My Commission expires Dec 21 1913

8 Jan 1912 – Declaration for Pension under Act of February 6, 1907.

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Original No. ____

Certificate No. 735883

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Increase

Claimant, Jeremiah Roberts

P. O., Hatton | Rank, Private Co. C Private

County, Ripley | Company, H Co. C 76 Indiana Vol. Inf.

State, Indiana | Regiment, 7 Indiana Vol. Inf.

Rate, $20 per month, commencing January 10, 1912.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, ____

P. O., ____

CIVIL WAR

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Adm. Jan. 12, 1912. Jno. H. Davis, Examiner.

Approved for Increase.

Age over 75.

Rate $20 per month.

Jany 13, 1912 W. W. Hamburger, Legal Reviewer. Jan. 15, 1912 C. J. Wade, Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted April 20, 1861; honorably discharged Aug. 2, 1861

Enlisted July 19, 1862 honorably discharged Aug. 20, 1862

Enlisted ____, 18 ; honorably discharged ____, 18

Pensioned at $15 per month, under act of Feb. 6, 1907.

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Declaration filed Jan. 10, 1912

Date of birth alleged, Jan. 6, 1837

Age shown by evidence 75 years.

Claimant does ____ write.

No M. C.

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12 Jan 1912 – Approval for pension increase to $20/month.

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ACT OF MAY 11, 1912. 3—014.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Indiana, County of Ripley, ss:

On this 17th day of May, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jeremiah Roberts who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 75 years of age, and a resident of Holton, county of Ripley, State of Indiana; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Indianapolis Indiana, under the name of Jeremiah Roberts, on the 20 day of April, 1861 as a Private, in Co F 7th Regt Indana Vol. Inft.
(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at Indianapolis Indiana, on the 2" day of August, 1861.

That he also served in Co G 76" Regt Ind Vol. Inft. from the 19" day of July 1862 to the 20" day of August 1862
(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 9 inches; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Grey; color of hair, Dark; that his occupation was Farming; that he was born January 6, 1837, at Switzeland County Indiana

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Jeffersonville County up to 1870 since Ripley County Indiana
(State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)

That he is a pensioner under certificate No. 735883. That he has applied for pension under original No.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1912.

That his post-office address is Holton, county of Ripley State of Indiana

Attest: (1) Francis M Ellis
(2) Archie Downey

Jeremiah Roberts
(Claimant's signature in full.)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, A. D. 1912, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words , erased, and the words , added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

W S Huntington
(Signature.)
Notary Public.
(Official character.)

IF A PENSIONER, DO NOT FAIL TO GIVE CERTIFICATE NUMBER.

CONGRESS MAY 20 1912 Bureau of Pensions

U. S. PENSION OFFICE MAY 20 1912

1912 May 17 – Declaration for Pension under the Act of May 11, 1912.

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Reissue

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Cert. No. 735883

Claimant, Jeremiah Roberts

P. O., Hollon | Rank, Private | Private

County, Ripley | Service, F | 6

State, Indiana | 7 Ind Inf | 76 Ind. Inf

Rate, $ 21 per month, commencing May 20, 1912

Approved for Increase
$ 30 from June 18, [illegible]
$ from 19
Act of June 18, 1912
[illegible] Exr.
[illegible] Rev.
JUN 21 1913 Certified to pay.

NO ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.
(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name,

P. O., | Fee, $

Articles filed , 19

CIVIL WAR

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Admn, Aug 20, 1912, F C Griffin Examiner.

Approved for Admission Rate $ 21 per month; age 75 years.

Reissue from Act February 6 1907

Length of pensionable service: 0 years, 4 months, 15 days.

Deductions in service from any cause: None years, months, days,

on account of

August 21, 1912, F D Brinton Legal Reviewer. Aug. 22, 1913, H M Vandervoort Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted April 20, 1861; honorably discharged Aug 2, 1861

Enlisted July 19, 1862; honorably discharged Aug 20, 1862

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Length of pensionable service: years, 4 months, 15 days.

Pensioned at $ 20 per month, under Act July 6 1906

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed May 20, 1912

Age shown by evidence 75 years; date of birth alleged Jany 6, 1837

Claimant does [illegible] write.

Hon Lincoln Dixon, M. C.

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20 Aug 1912 – Approval for pension increase to $21/month.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 2, 1915.*

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Saltzgaber
Commissioner.

JEREMIAH ROBERTS
HOLTON IND
735883 ACT MAY

PENSION APR 3 U. 1915 S. OFFICE.

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No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer.* Ripley County Jan: 6 1837

The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer.* Co F 7 Regt Ind Vol Inft
Co C 76 Regt Ind Vol Inft

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer.* Greensburg Indiana

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer.* Rose B. Roberts (nee Robinson)

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer.* Nov 1st 1877 Holton Indiana
Rev. H. B. Sherman

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Not to my Knowledge

If so, where? *Answer.* —

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. *Answer.* Yes.

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Sarah McClune Dec 1872 Died Feb 7 1873

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. *Answer.* Not Married only to me

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? *Answer.* She died Feb 5 1881

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. *Answer.* Stella Roberts Now Crew
Born Nov 18 1878

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Date April 2 1915 (Signature) Jeremiah Roberts

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2 Apr 1915 – Response to Questionnaire.

17. EDWARD (b. 7 Aug 1839, d. 15 Feb 1922)

Birth: 7 Aug 1839 in Switzerland County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: 17 Dec 1873 to Mary Jane Mitchell in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 26 Aug 1846 in Indiana; d. 2 Aug 1935 in Bryantsburg, Jefferson County, Indiana). No children.

Death: 15 Feb 1922 in Bryantsburg, Jefferson County, Indiana.



Edward and Mary Jane (Mitchell) Roberts From a photo album believed to have belonged to Edward's brother, Jeremiah[16]. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

Edward was the seventh child of John S.[4] and Jane (Salyers) Roberts. According to his death certificate and his statements in his Civil War pension records, he was born 7 Aug 1839 in Switzerland County, Indiana, with much of his youth likely spent helping his father on the family farm. The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that Edward's father was engaged in agriculture.[1,2,3,4]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The Roberts family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Edward's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, his parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[5,6,7]

About May 1847, Edward's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. Edward is found living in the family home in Shelby

[1] Figure 17.1. 1889 Biographical Sketch of Edward Roberts[17].
[2] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[3] See Figure 17.15. Edward Roberts[17] Death Certificate.
[4] Appendix 17.1. Excerpts of Edward Roberts' Civil War Pension Records.
[5] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[6] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[7] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.

Township, Jefferson County, Indiana for the 1850 and 1860 census. Neither census indicates he attended school during the past year, so we do not know the extent of his education.[8,9,10]

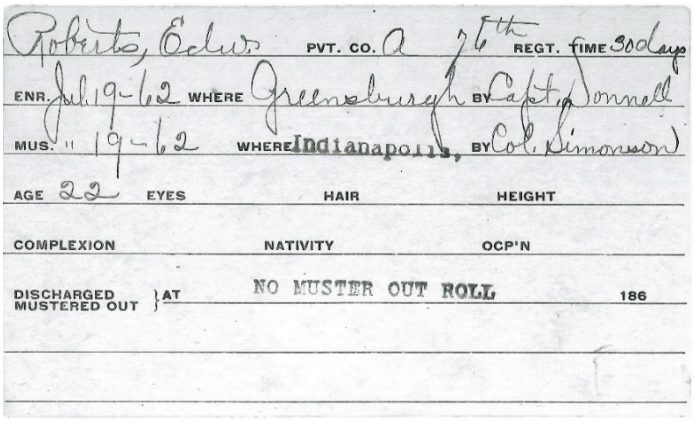
As with many of our Roberts ancestors, Edward became a member of the WFBC and was a somewhat active member. On 16 Oct 1858, he was invited to preach the sermon for the church meeting on that date, and was officially received into the church by baptism on 19 May 1861, along with his siblings, Maranda[15] and Henry[18].[11,12]

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Edward volunteered to serve and completed two tours of duty on the side of the Union. His first was with the 76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers, where he served with his brother, Jeremiah[16]. His second was with the 137th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers.

Civil War Service, Regimental Activities, and Disability[13]

76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers

Edward enlisted with Company C, 76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers on 19 Jul 1862, the same date his brother Jeremiah[16] enlisted with Company A. The 76th was organized at Indianapolis, Indiana, for 30 days State service and was mustered in July 20, 1862. According to Union Army, "The purpose of its organization was for repelling guerrilla raids. A band of guerillas had crossed the Ohio [River] at Newburg and captured about 80 convalescent soldiers in the hospital, together with some state arms and other property. [The regimental commanders, Col Gavin and Lt Col Wilder], who were at their homes at the time, proposed raising a regiment for


Roberts, Edwd. PVT. CO. A 76th REGT. TIME 30 days
ENR. Jul 19-62 WHERE Greensburgh BY Capt. Donnell
MUS. " 19-62 WHERE Indianapolis, BY Col. Simonson
AGE 22 EYES HAIR HEIGHT
COMPLEXION NATIVITY OCP'N
DISCHARGED MUSTERED OUT } AT NO MUSTER OUT ROLL 186

Edward's Muster Roll Card – Company A, 76th Regiment. Received 13 Apr 2021 from Indiana Digital Archives, Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana.

[8] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[9] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[10] See Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[11] Figure 17.2. West Fork Baptist Church – Edward Roberts[17] Preaches Sermon.
[12] See Figure 15.2. Excerpt from West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda[15], Edward[17] and Henry S.[18] Roberts Received into Membership.
[13] The summary of Edward's Civil War service and regimental activities is derived from multiple sources.
1. Battle Unit Details, *76th Regiment, Indiana Infantry (30 days, 1862)*, National Park Service, (https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm?battleUnitCode=UIN0076RI, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
2. A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, Compiled and Arranged from Official Records of the Federal and Confederate Armies, Reports of the Adjutant Generals of the Several States, the Army Registers and Other Reliable Documents and Sources, Frederick H. Dyer, Dyer Publishing Company, Des Moines, Iowa, 1908. (https://archive.org/details/08697590.3359.emory.edu, accessed 26 Nov 2021).
3. The Union Army, A History of Military Affairs in the Loyal States 1861-65 – Records of the Regiments in the Union Army – Cyclopedia of Battles – Memoirs of Commanders and Soldiers, Volume III – New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, Federal Publishing Company, Madison, Wisconsin, 1908. (https://archive.org/details/unionarmyhistory03madi/page/n7/mode/2up, accessed 26 Nov 2021).

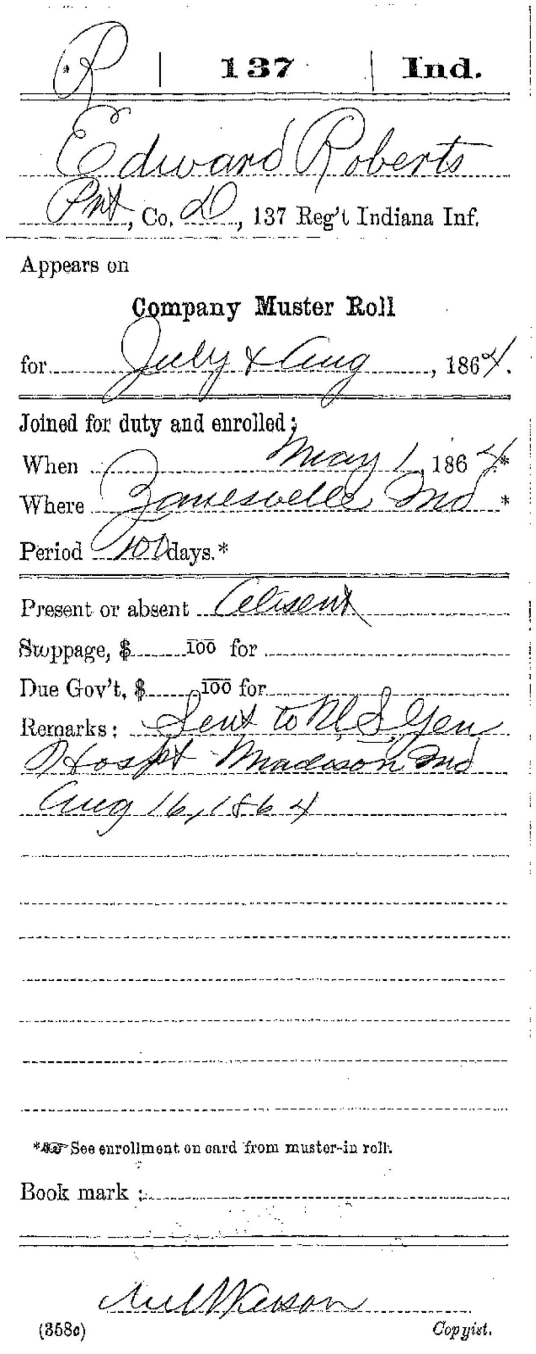
30 days for the purpose of clearing out that part of the state of these lawless bands. Their proposition was accepted and in 48 hours' time the 76th had been raised, mustered and equipped. It moved to Evansville, Ind., and Henderson, Ky., having several severe skirmishes with guerillas. Its strength was 786, and its loss by death, 1." The 76th mustered out August 20, 1862.

137th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers

On 1 May 1864, Edward re-enlisted at Zanesville, Indiana with Company D, 137th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers for a period of 100 days. The 137th was mustered in at Indianapolis, Indiana 26 May 1864 and was ordered to Tullahoma, Tennessee to perform Railroad Guard duty in Tennessee and Alabama. This was to protect what was gained by a significant Union victory in the Tullahoma Campaign, which secured the railroad extending from Nashville through Chattanooga to Atlanta. The 137th was mustered out 21 Sep 1864. Its strength was 928 soldiers; seventeen were lost by death, and two deserted.[14]

Due to injuries received during the 137th's deployment to Tullahoma, Edward filed for, and eventually received, a disability pension. Relevant portions of his pension records are found in Appendix 17.1.

He filed his initial Declaration of Invalid Army Pension on 25 Sep 1869 on two grounds: while at Tullahoma in Jun 1864, he suffered a gunshot wound to his left hand and several days later, suffered from sunstroke, both of which prevented him from performing manual labor since Mar 1865. The gunshot wound occurred while Edward was on picket duty when a musket round was fired through the first joint of his left, ring finger, requiring removal of a portion of the bones. Regarding the sunstroke, Regimental Surgeon John L. Roe noted that he found Edward in a comatose state of several hours duration. He treated Edward in camp for



P | 137 | Ind.

Edward Roberts

Pvt., Co. D, 137 Reg't Indiana Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for July & Aug, 1864.

Joined for duty and enrolled;

When May 1, 1864*

Where Zanesville, Ind *

Period 100 days.*

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Remarks: Sent to U.S. Gen Hospt Madison Ind Aug 16, 1864

*☞ See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Book mark:

Asst Mason

(358c) Copyist.

Company Muster Roll, 137th Indiana Infantry. Received Apr 2017 from National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

[14] Brandt, Robert, *Tullahoma Campaign*, Tennessee Encyclopedia, Tennessee Historical Society, publisher (https://tennesseeencyclopedia.net/entries/tullahoma-campaign/, accessed 26 Nov 2021).

five days and then sent him to the general hospital in Tullahoma. After about four weeks, Edward was subsequently transferred to the general hospital in Madison, Indiana. Edward never returned to service and was honorably discharged when the 137th was mustered out on 21 Sep 1864.[15]

Edward's initial claim was rejected in Feb 1871. He filed a new Disability Affidavit in Apr 1880 in which he claimed he was unable to perform any manual labor from discharge to Jul 1867, only able to perform light labor from Jul 1867 to May 1869, then again unable to perform any labor from May 1869 to the date of filing. He was eventually found 1/4 disabled in Jan 1886 as a result of nervous prostration from sunstroke. His disability claim arising from the gunshot wound was rejected due to lack of evidence of disability. His pension was $2.00 per month, commencing 22 Sep 1864 under Certificate No. 316335. As Edward's health continued to deteriorate, he applied for increases in his pension at various times until, at the time of his death, he was receiving a pension of $50.00 per month for nervous prostration, chronic diarrhea, heart disease and other effects from the sunstroke, effects from scurvy, and disability due to loss of his finger from the gunshot wound. After Edward's death, his wife, Mary Jane, applied for a widow's pension on 24 Feb 1922 and was awarded a pension of $30.00 per month – Certificate No. 915851.[16]

Return to Civilian Life

After Edward's enlistment with the 76th ended in 1862, available records suggest he went to Decatur County, Indiana, rather than the family farm in Jefferson County, as the 1863 enumeration of draft-eligible men for Jefferson County identifies him as "absent, in Decatur County, Ind." After his second enlistment, he returned to Jefferson County where he is found living with his parents in the 1870 census and identified as a carpenter. He also returned to WFBC where, sometime prior to Nov 1867, he was elected an Elder. All was not well between Edward and the church, however, as on 18 Jul 1868, a motion was made to prefer a charge against him for fiddling and dancing. He acknowledged the charges but failed to give the church satisfactory evidence he was remorseful. Thus, on 21 Nov 1868, a motion was made to exclude him from the church. A full listing of West Fork Baptist Church meeting minutes in which Edward is identified is included in Appendix 17.2.[17,18,19,20,21]

On December 17, 1873, Edward married Mary Jane Mitchell in Jefferson County, Indiana. Mary Jane is a sister of Daniel K. Mitchell, husband of Edward's sister, Quintilla[21]. He states in his

[15] Deponents in several depositions taken in support of Edward's claim stated their belief the gunshot wound was accidentally self-inflicted.
[16] Figure 17.3. Newspaper Clipping – Mary Jane Awarded Pension. Also Appendix 17.1.
[17] See Figure 12.4. 1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Jefferson County, Indiana.
[18] In 1863, Decatur County was in Indiana's 4th Congressional District (Indiana Genealogical Society, https://www.indgensoc.org/membersonly/igs/research_topics/congressional_districts_1821_1911.pdf : accessed 27 Nov 2021); however, Edward is not identified in the enumeration of draft-eligible men for that county. It is possible Edward had not resided in Decatur County long enough to be reflected in the county enumeration.
[19] See Figure 4.9. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[20] Figure 17.4. West Fork Baptist Church – Edward Roberts[17] Elder.
[21] Figure 17.5. West Fork Baptist Church – Edward Roberts[17] Charges.

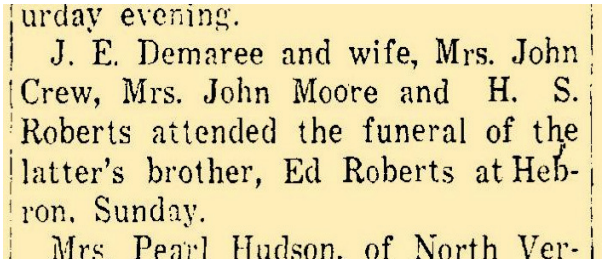
pension affidavits that the marriage took place in the home of Mary's parents and that they had no children.[22]

Edward's pension records reflect that he was elected the Shelby Township Trustee abt. 1879, but resigned from that position abt. Nov 1880, claiming his diseased knee prevented him from attending to the duties of his position. A letter from one of Edward's physicians, Dr. J. R. Lewis, stated that Edward's friends believe his resignation was because he had become "melancholy or cow spirited."[23]

In the 1880 census, Edward and Mary Jane continue to live in Shelby Township, where Edward states his usual occupation to be "house carpenter" but is also identified as lame and disabled. He was appointed Postmaster of the Bryantsburg Post Office on 5 Dec 1887, a position which he held until 10 Jun 1893. He was reappointed Postmaster on 16 Apr 1897 with a salary of $72.83 per year, and was in that position until 2 Jan 1901.[24,25,26,27]

On 15 Oct 1893, a family reunion with most of Edward's living siblings was held at the home of his brother, Jeremiah[16], in Holton, Indiana. In addition to Edward and Mary Jane, attendees included Sarah[13]; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Henry[18]; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles[12] was unable to attend.[28]

By 1900, Edward had retired, and he and Mary Jane had moved to Monroe Township of Jefferson County, where they remained until Edward's death on 15 Feb 1922 in Bryantsburg, at the age of 82, due to stomach cancer. His funeral was held Sunday, 19 Feb 1922, with burial at the Hebron Cemetery in Madison, Indiana. His funeral was attended by Jesse Demaree (son of sister Maranda[15]) and his wife, Ida; Stella Crew (daughter of brother Jeremiah[16]); Dora Moore (daughter of sister, Maranda[15]); and brother, Henry[18].[29,30,31,32,33]


urday evening.
J. E. Demaree and wife, Mrs. John Crew, Mrs. John Moore and H. S. Roberts attended the funeral of the latter's brother, Ed Roberts at Hebron, Sunday.
Mrs. Pearl Hudson, of North Ver-

Osgood (IN) Journal, 22 Feb 1922, pg. 2. (newspaperarchive.com)

[22] Figure 17.6. Edward Roberts[17] and Mary Jane Mitchell Marriage Record.
[23] Figure 17.7. Newspaper Clipping – Edward Roberts[17] Resignation as Trustee.
[24] Figure 17.8. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[25] Figure 17.9. Appointments of US Postmasters, Jefferson County, Indiana (1887).
[26] Figure 17.10. Appointments of US Postmasters, Jefferson County, Indiana (1897).
[27] Figure 17.11. 1897 Register of Civil & Military Service.
[28] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).
[29] Figure 17.12. 1900 United States Federal Census – Monroe Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[30] Figure 17.13. 1910 United States Federal Census – Monroe Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[31] Figure 17.14. 1920 United States Federal Census – Monroe Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[32] Figure 17.15. Edward Roberts[17] Death Certificate.
[33] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/75376865/edward-roberts : accessed 26 November 2021), memorial page for Edward Roberts (7 Aug 1839–15 Feb 1922), Find a Grave Memorial ID 75376865, citing Hebron Cemetery, Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by JRoberts (contributor 48769167).

Edward filed his will on 22 Apr 1890, leaving his entire estate to Mary. His will was proved on 14 Jun 1923. Probate records reveal Edward was not a wealthy man. His entire estate was composed of $100 in war savings stamps, which had to be cashed in order to pay debts owed for the cost of probate and services of the estate Administrator. Mary subsequently received $77.85 from the estate.[34,35]

Mary passed away 13 1/2 years later on 2 Aug 1935 in Bryantsburg. Her death certificate lists her cause of death as angina pectoris. She is buried with Edward at the Hebron Cemetery.[36,37]

[34] Figure 17.16. Edward Roberts[17] Will.
[35] Figure 17.17. Edward Roberts[17] Probate Records.
[36] Figure 17.18. Mary Jane Roberts Death Certificate.
[37] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/75376910/mary-jane-roberts : accessed 26 November 2021), memorial page for Mary Jane *Mitchell* Roberts (26 Aug 1846–2 Aug 1935), Find a Grave Memorial ID 75376910, citing Hebron Cemetery, Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by JRoberts (contributor 48769167).

Figure 17.1

1889 Biographical Sketch of Edward Roberts[17]

tled down on it. There are 133 acres of it. His wife died here.

Mr. Robbins has been an Odd Fellow and is a member of the Christian Church.

EDWARD ROBERTS, merchant, Bryantsburgh, was born in Switzerland county, Ind., in 1839. His father, John S. Roberts, was an early settler of that county, and was a farmer. His mother was Jane Salyers, daughter of John B. Salyers, and granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier. The family were from Virginia. Nathan Roberts, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a native of Maryland, settled at a point opposite to the present city of Cincinnati before there was any town there. He entered a tract of land, but afterward lost it because of leaving it.

Mr. Edward Roberts was raised upon a farm; at the age of twenty-two he enlisted in the 76th Reg. Ind. Vols., Co. D, and served three months. He enlisted a second time in Co. D, 137th Ind. Vols., in which he remained till the end of the war. He was in all of the battles of his regiments, and was a good soldier. He saw service at Atlanta and other points of the same campaign.

After the war he came home and worked at house-carpentering for some twenty years. He is now engaged in a general merchandise business at Bryantsburgh, Jefferson county. He also has the postoffice at that place. He was trustee of Shelby township for one term. In 1873 he was married to Miss Mary J. Mitchell, of Jefferson county; no issue. Mr. Roberts is an energetic, honest business man, and a good citizen.

DAN. A. ROBERTS, farmer, Smyrna township, was the son of Dan. and Ann (Walker) Roberts, both of whom were born and raised in Lancastershire, England. They came to the United States about 1844, and located in Jefferson county, Ind.

His father taught school in this county, and bought a farm, and remained here for about two years, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio; remained there until 1848, when he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he died of cholera in 1849. His mother is still living on her farm in this county, aged 67 years.

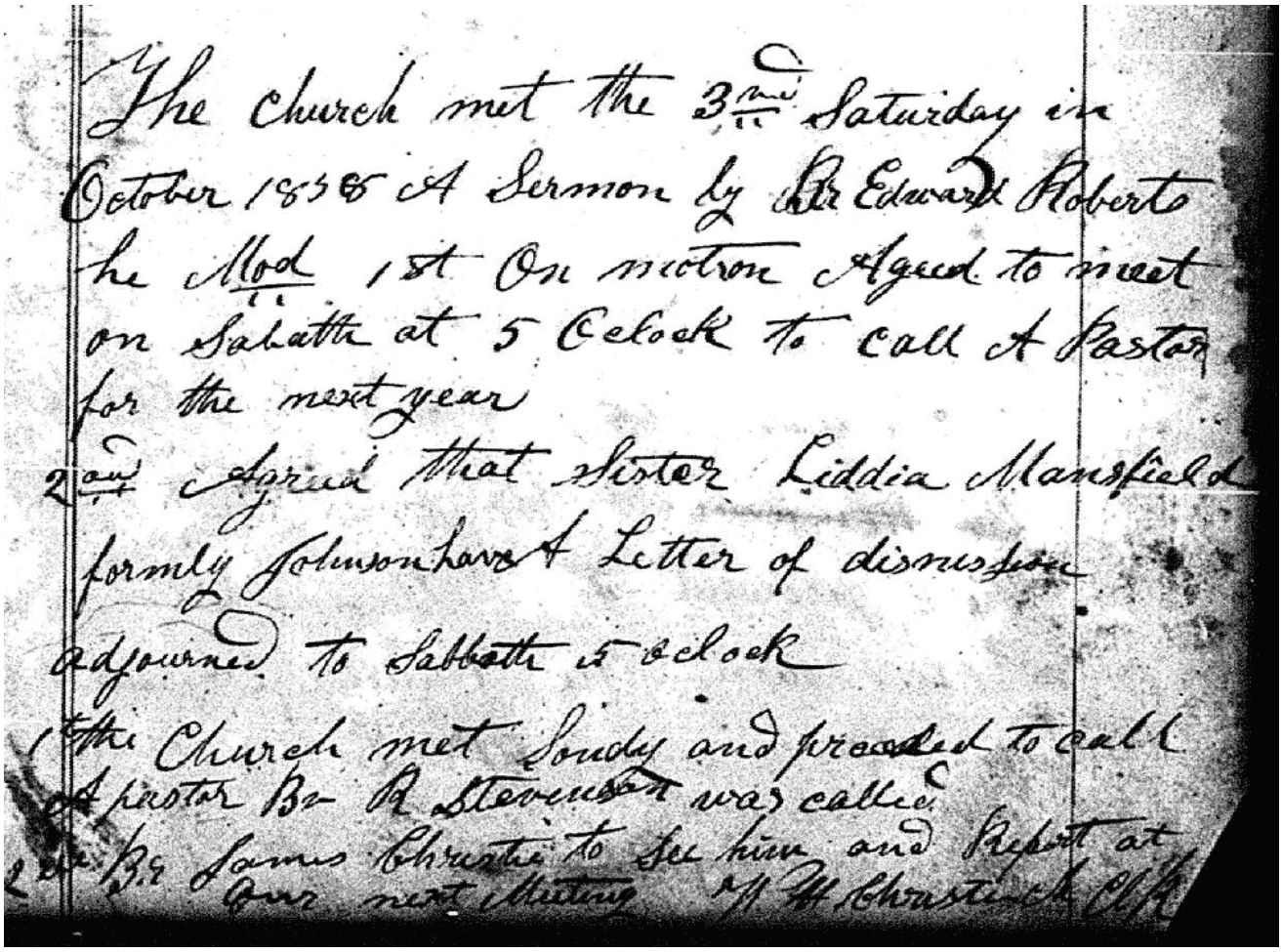
Dan. A. Roberts was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, January 15, 1846, removed to Louisville, Ky., with his parents, in 1848, and remained there until 1858, when he removed with his mother to Jefferson county, Ind., where he has resided ever since.

He attended school in Louisville, and in Smyrna township. In 1869 he was married to Miss Perintha E. Robinson, the daughter of John Robinson, who was a native of Ohio, but came to Indiana in 1847, and located on a farm in Graham

Biographical and Historical Souvenir for the Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott, and Washington, Indiana, Chicago Printing Company, Chicago, 1889, pg. 261 (https://archive.org/details/biographicalhisto00inchic, accessed 24 Mar 2019).

Figure 17.2

West Fork Baptist Church – Edward Roberts[17] Preaches Sermon

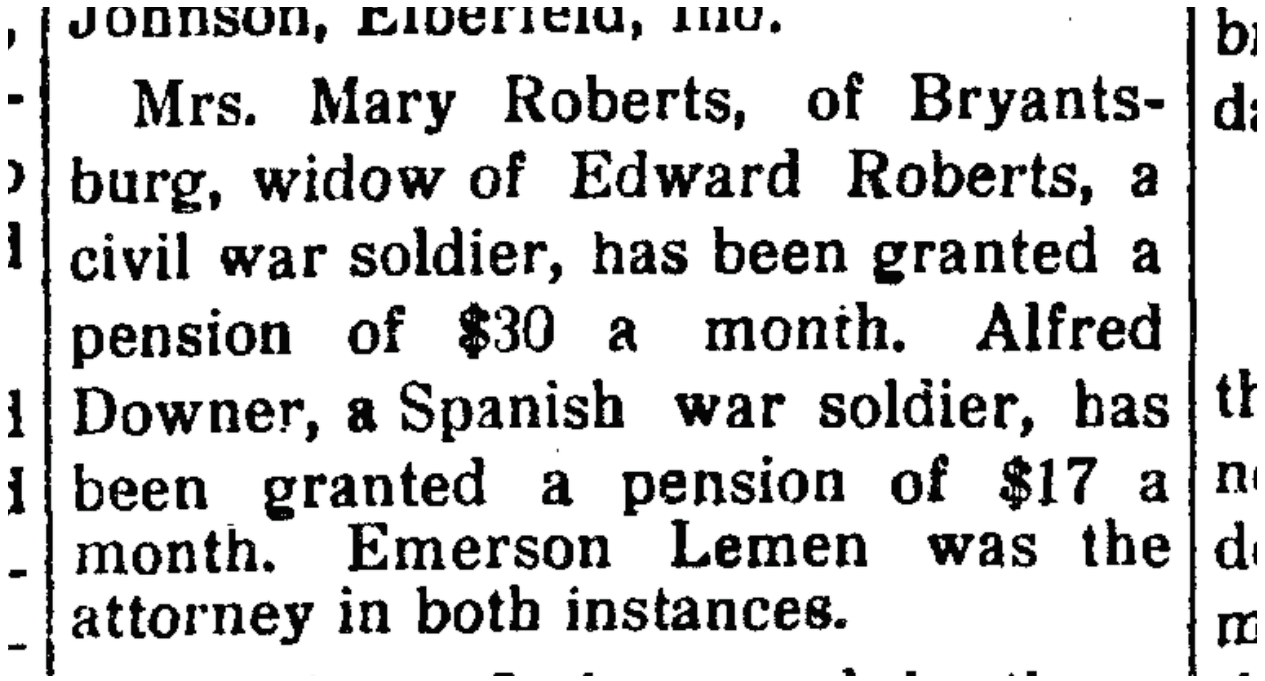


The Church met the 3rd Saturday in
October 1836 A Sermon by Br Edward Roberts
he Mod 1st On motion Agreed to meet
on Sabath at 5 Oclock to call a Pastor
for the next year
2nd Agreed that Sister Liddia Mansfield
formly Johnson have a Letter of dismission
adjourned to Sabbath 5 oclock
The Church met Sunday and proceeded to call
a pastor Br R Stevenson was called
2d Br James Christie to see him and Report at
Our next Meeting Wm H Christie Clk

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 17.3

Mary Jane Awarded Pension



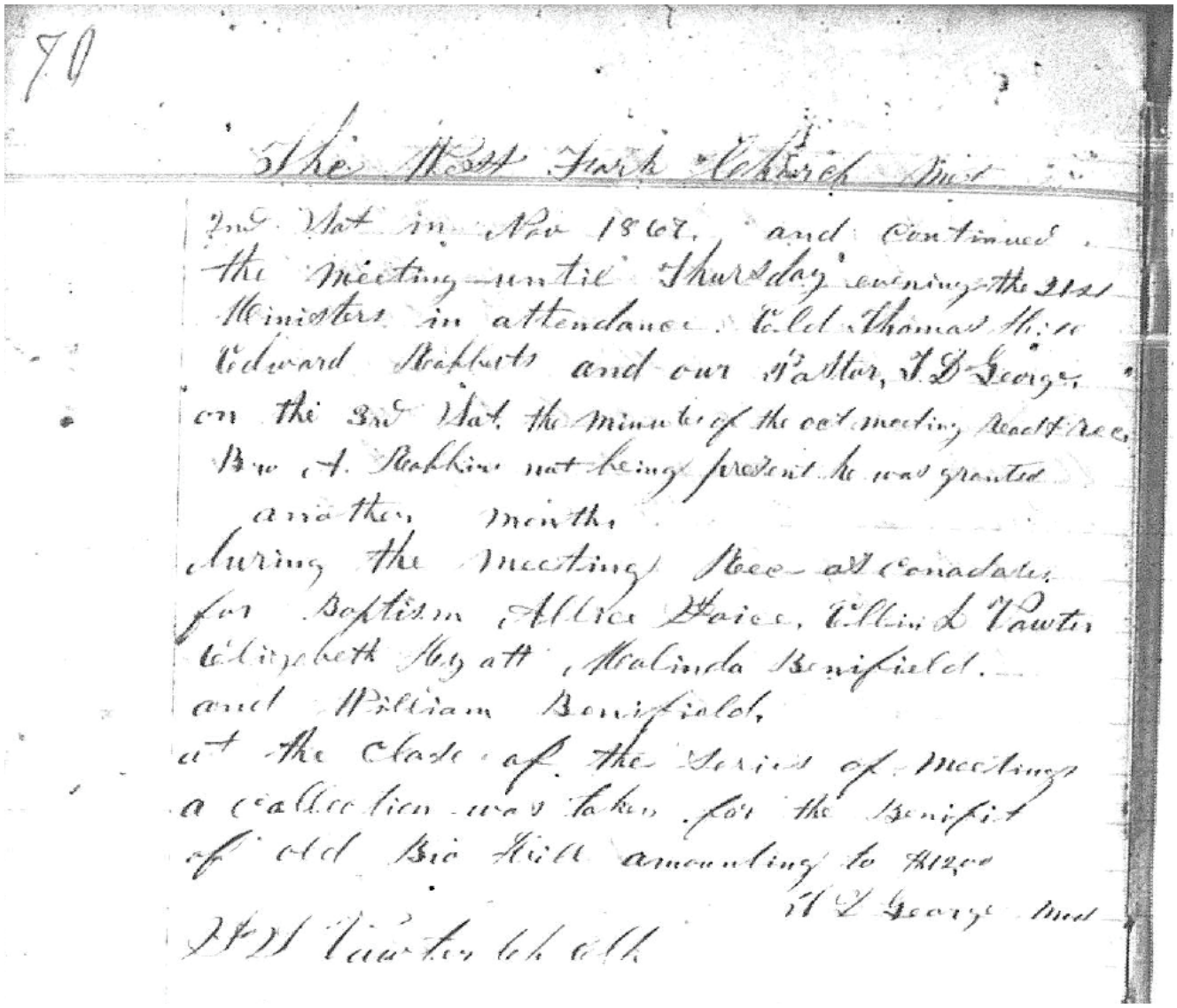
Johnson, Elberfeld, Ind.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, of Bryantsburg, widow of Edward Roberts, a civil war soldier, has been granted a pension of $30 a month. Alfred Downer, a Spanish war soldier, has been granted a pension of $17 a month. Emerson Lemen was the attorney in both instances.

Madison (IN) Daily Herald, 15 Jul 1922, pg. 4 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 17.4

West Fork Baptist Church – Edward Roberts[17] Elder



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The West Fork Church Book

2nd Sat in Nov 1867. and Continued the Meeting until Thursday evening the 3rd Ministers in attendance Eld Thomas Hicks Edward Roberts and our Pastor, W D George on the 3rd Sat the minutes of the last meeting Read & Rec. Bro A. Robbins not being present he was granted another month.

During the Meeting there was Conadates for Baptism Alice Hare, Ellin L Fowler Elizabeth Hyatt, Malinda Benifield. and William Benifield.

at the Close of the Series of Meetings a Collection was taken for the Benifit of old Bro Hill amounting to $12.00

W D George Mod

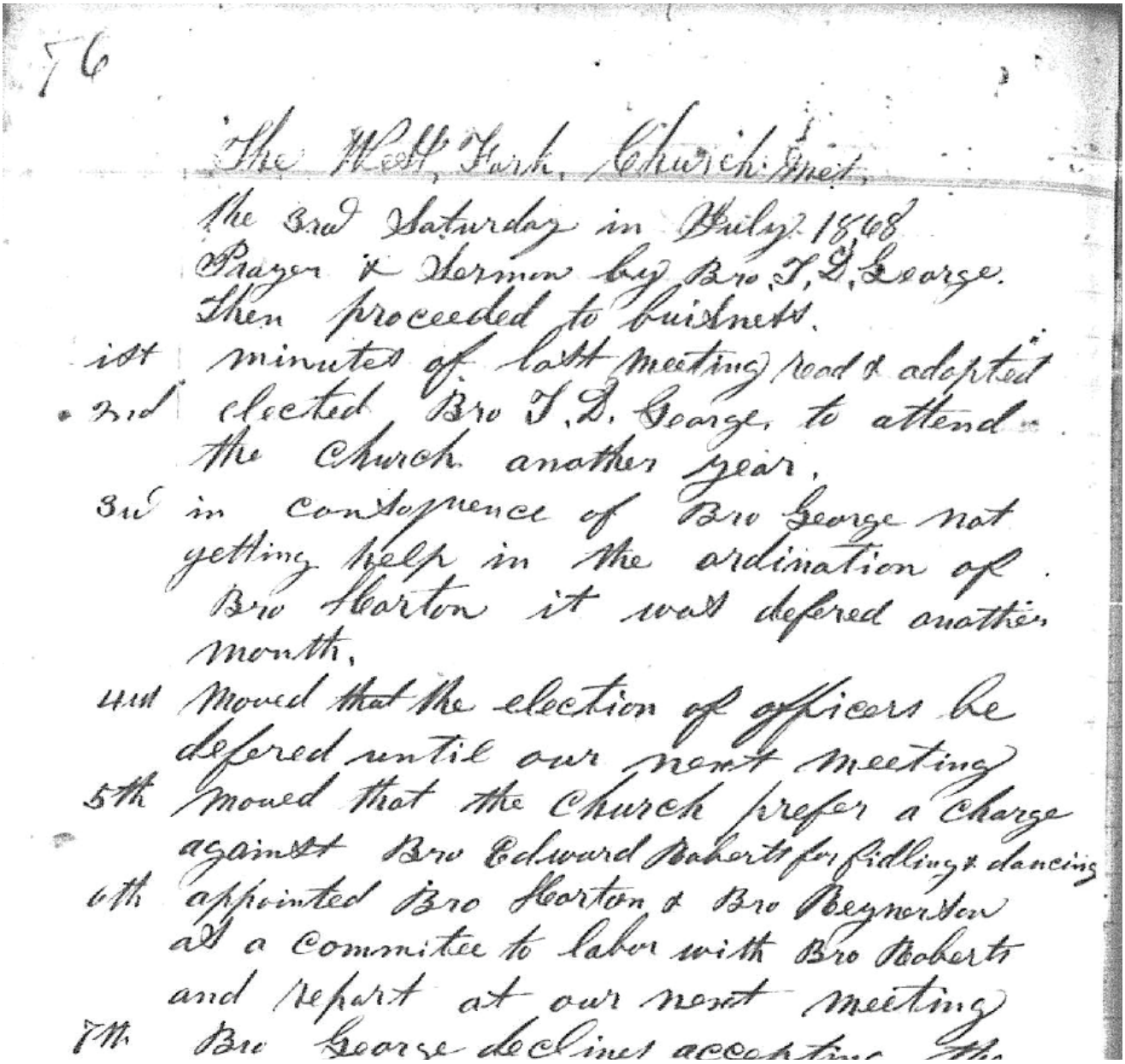
W D Fowler Clk

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Figure 17.5 (3 pages)

West Fork Baptist Church – Edward Roberts[17] Charges

18 Jul 1868



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The West Fork Church Met

The 3rd Saturday in July 1868

Prayer & Sermon by Bro T. D. George.

Then proceeded to business.

1st minutes of last meeting read & adopted

2nd elected Bro T. D. George to attend the Church another year.

3rd in consequence of Bro George not getting help in the ordination of Bro Horton it was defered another month.

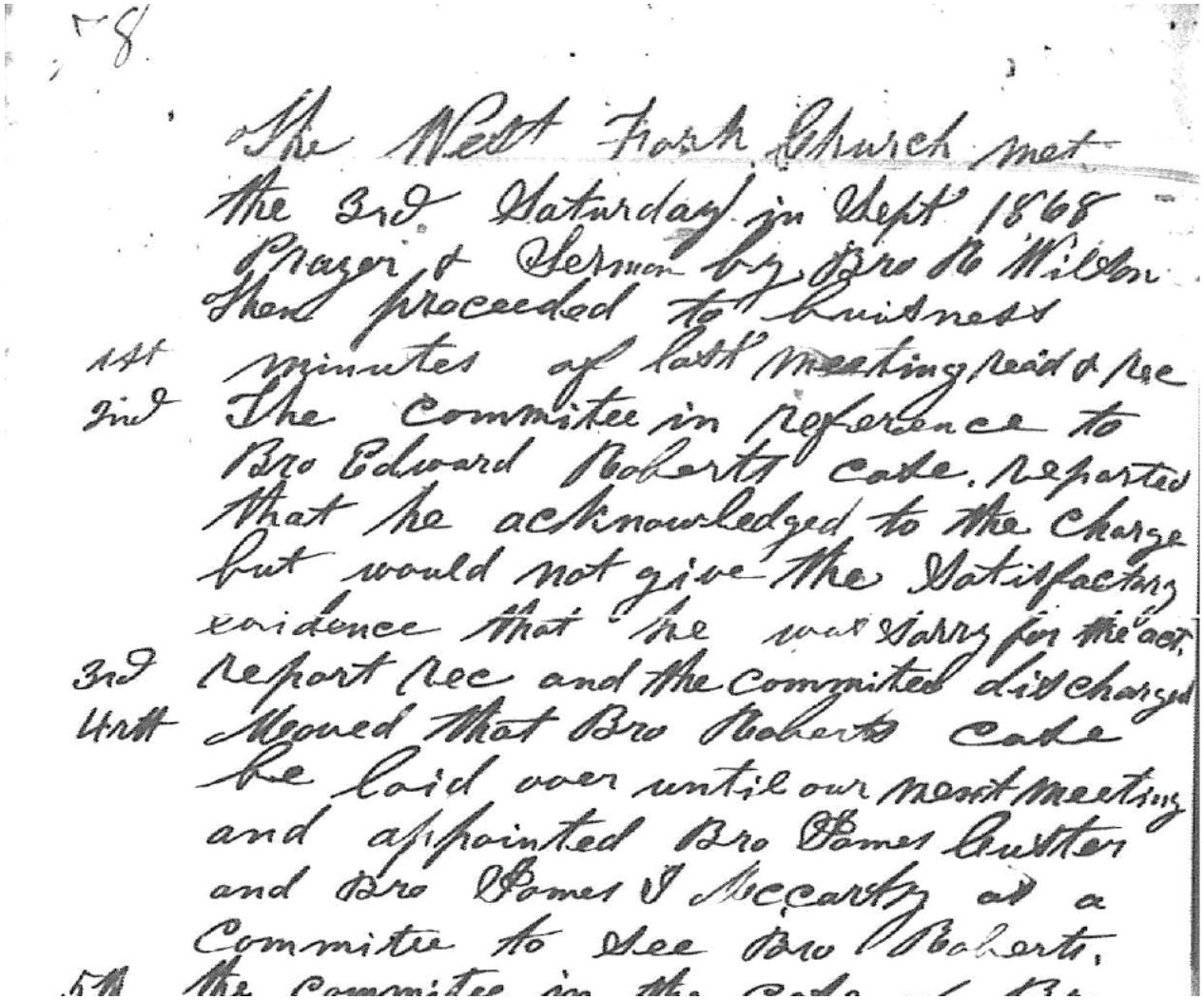
4th Moved that the election of officers be defered until our next meeting

5th Moved that the Church prefer a Charge against Bro Edward Roberts for fidling & dancing

6th appointed Bro Horton & Bro Reynerson as a committee to labor with Bro Roberts and report at our next meeting

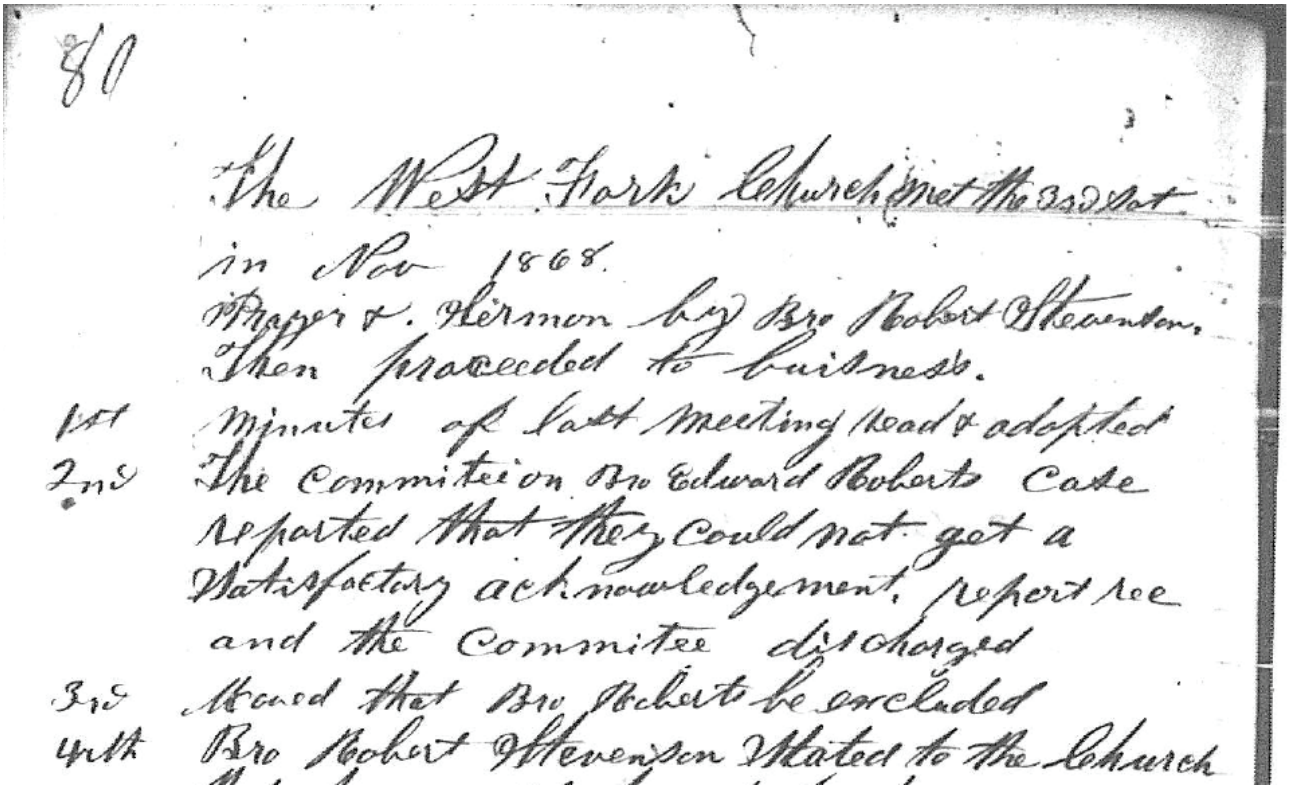
7th Bro George declines accepting

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The West Fork Church met
the 3rd Saturday in Sept 1868
Prayer & Sermon by Bro N Wilson
then proceeded to business
1st minutes of last meeting read & rec
2nd The committee in reference to
Bro Edward Roberts case. reported
that he acknowledged to the charge
but would not give the satisfactory
evidence that he was sorry for the act.
3rd report rec and the committee discharged
4th Moved that Bro Roberts case
be laid over until our next meeting
and appointed Bro James Cutter
and Bro James J McCarty as a
Committee to see Bro Roberts.
5th the Committee in the case of Bro

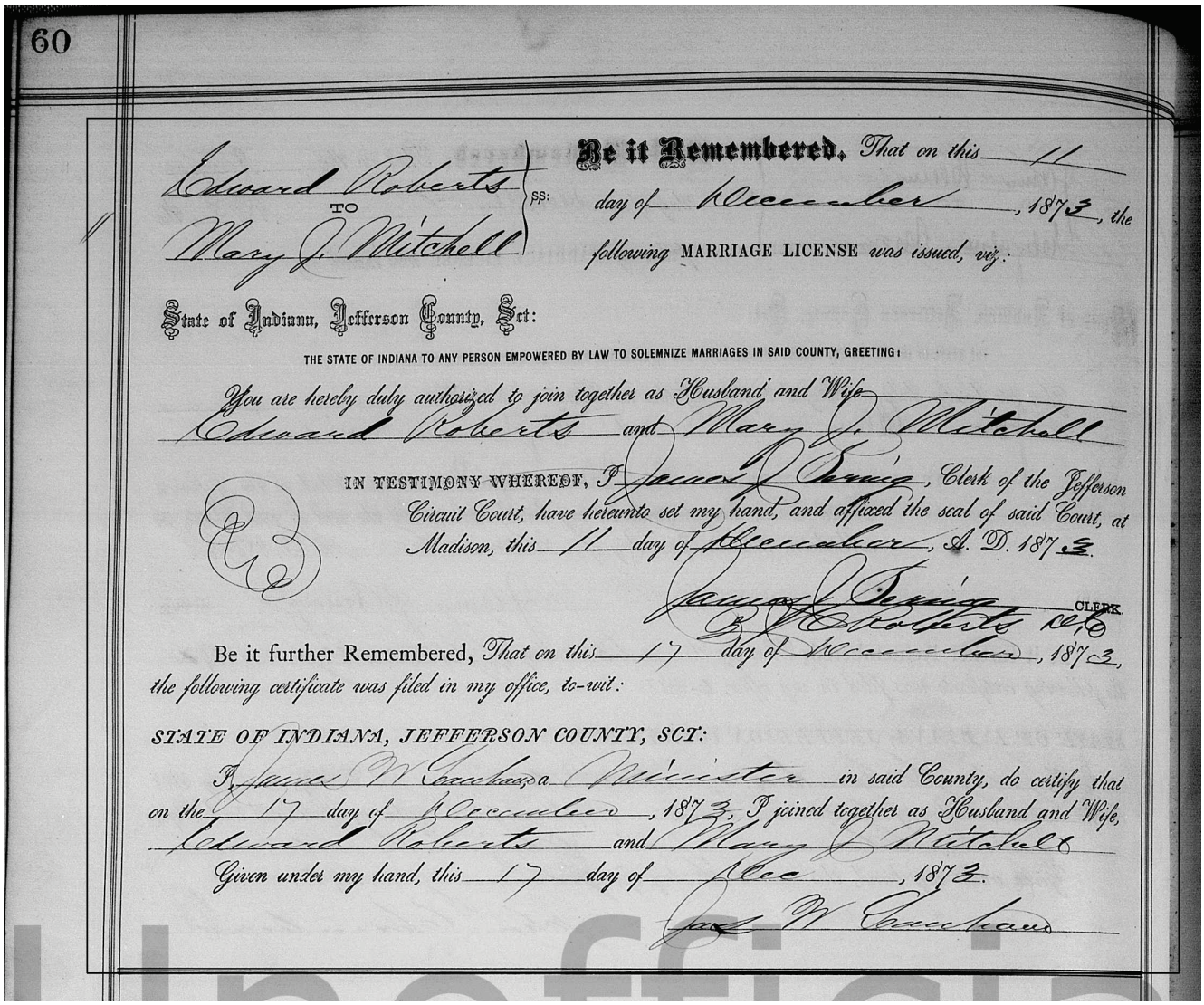


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The West Fork Church met the 3rd Sat
in Nov 1868.
Prayer & Sermon by Bro Robert Stevenson.
Then proceeded to business.
1st Minutes of last Meeting Read & adopted
2nd The Committee on Bro Edward Roberts Case
Reported that they could not get a
Satisfactory acknowledgement. report rec
and the Committee discharged
3rd Moved that Bro Roberts be excluded
4th Bro Robert Stevenson Stated to the Church

Figure 17.6

Edward Roberts[17] and Mary Jane Mitchell Marriage Record



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Edward Roberts
TO
Mary J. Mitchell

Be it Remembered, That on this 11 day of December, 1873, the following MARRIAGE LICENSE was issued, viz.:

State of Indiana, Jefferson County, Sct:

THE STATE OF INDIANA TO ANY PERSON EMPOWERED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES IN SAID COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby duly authorized to join together as Husband and Wife Edward Roberts and Mary J. Mitchell

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I James J. Ennis, Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, at Madison, this 11 day of December, A. D. 1873.

James J. Ennis CLERK.
By W. Roberts D.C.

Be it further Remembered, That on this 17 day of December, 1873, the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, JEFFERSON COUNTY, SCT:

I, James M. Cravens, a Minister in said County, do certify that on the 17 day of December, 1873, I joined together as Husband and Wife, Edward Roberts and Mary J. Mitchell

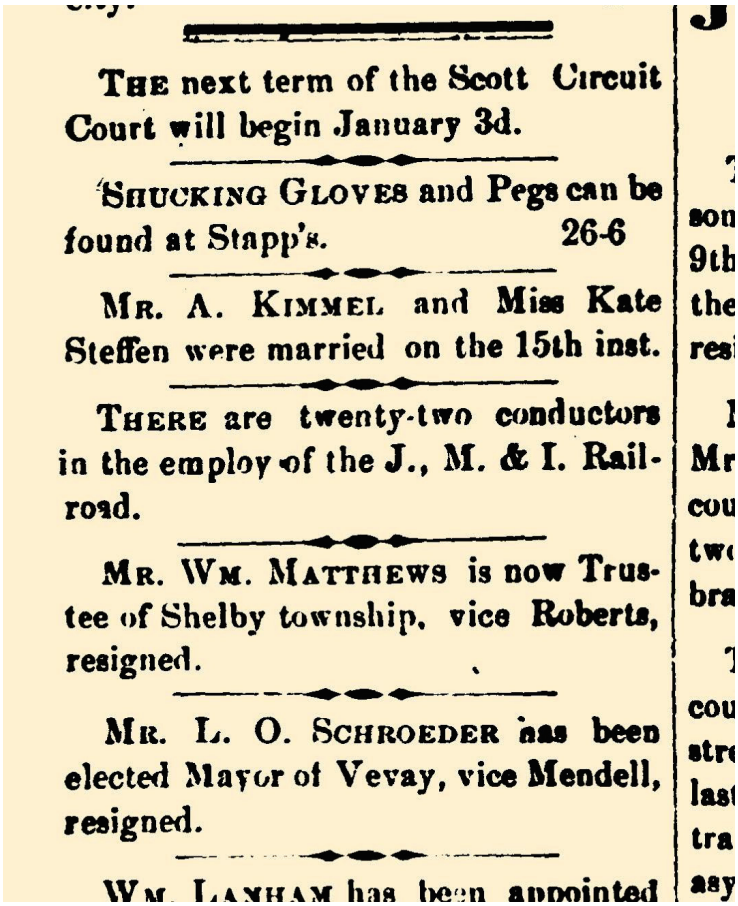
Given under my hand, this 17 day of Dec, 1873.

James M. Cravens

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-HLSC-13?i=389&cc=1410397&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AVBQP-C6Z : accessed 28 Nov 2021), Jefferson > 1873-1878 > image 390 of 649.

Figure 17.7

Edward Roberts[17] Resignation as Trustee



THE next term of the Scott Circuit Court will begin January 3d.

SHUCKING GLOVES and Pegs can be found at Stapp's. 26-6

MR. A. KIMMEL and Miss Kate Steffen were married on the 15th inst.

THERE are twenty-two conductors in the employ of the J., M. & I. Railroad.

MR. WM. MATTHEWS is now Trustee of Shelby township, vice Roberts, resigned.

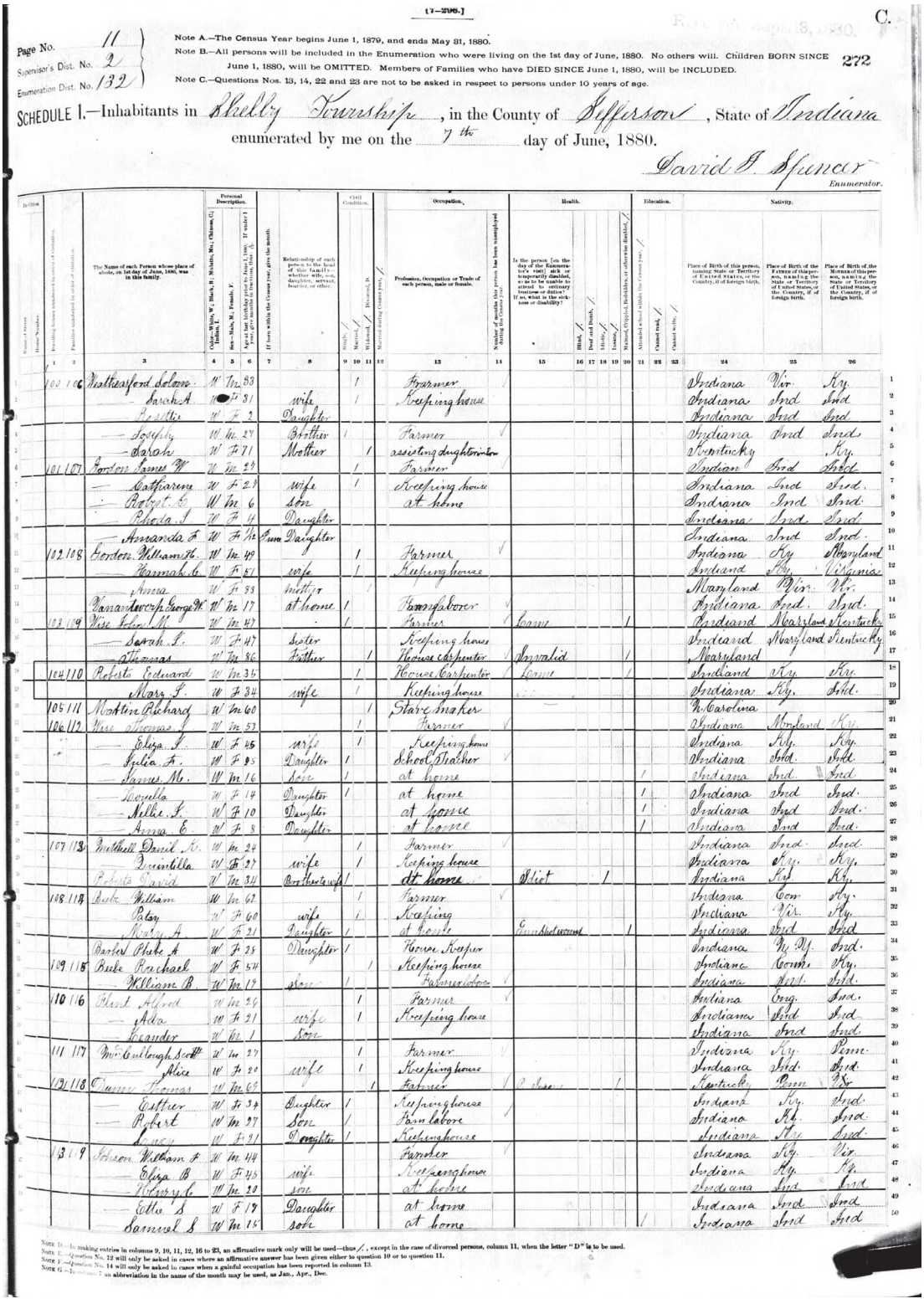
MR. L. O. SCHROEDER has been elected Mayor of Vevay, vice Mendell, resigned.

WM. LANHAM has been appointed

Madison (IN) Weekly Herald, 24 Nov 1880, pg. 3 (newspaperarchive.com).

Figure 17.8

1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



[7–295.] C.

Page No. 11
Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 132

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Shelby Township, in the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana enumerated by me on the 7th day of June, 1880.

David A. Spencer
Enumerator.

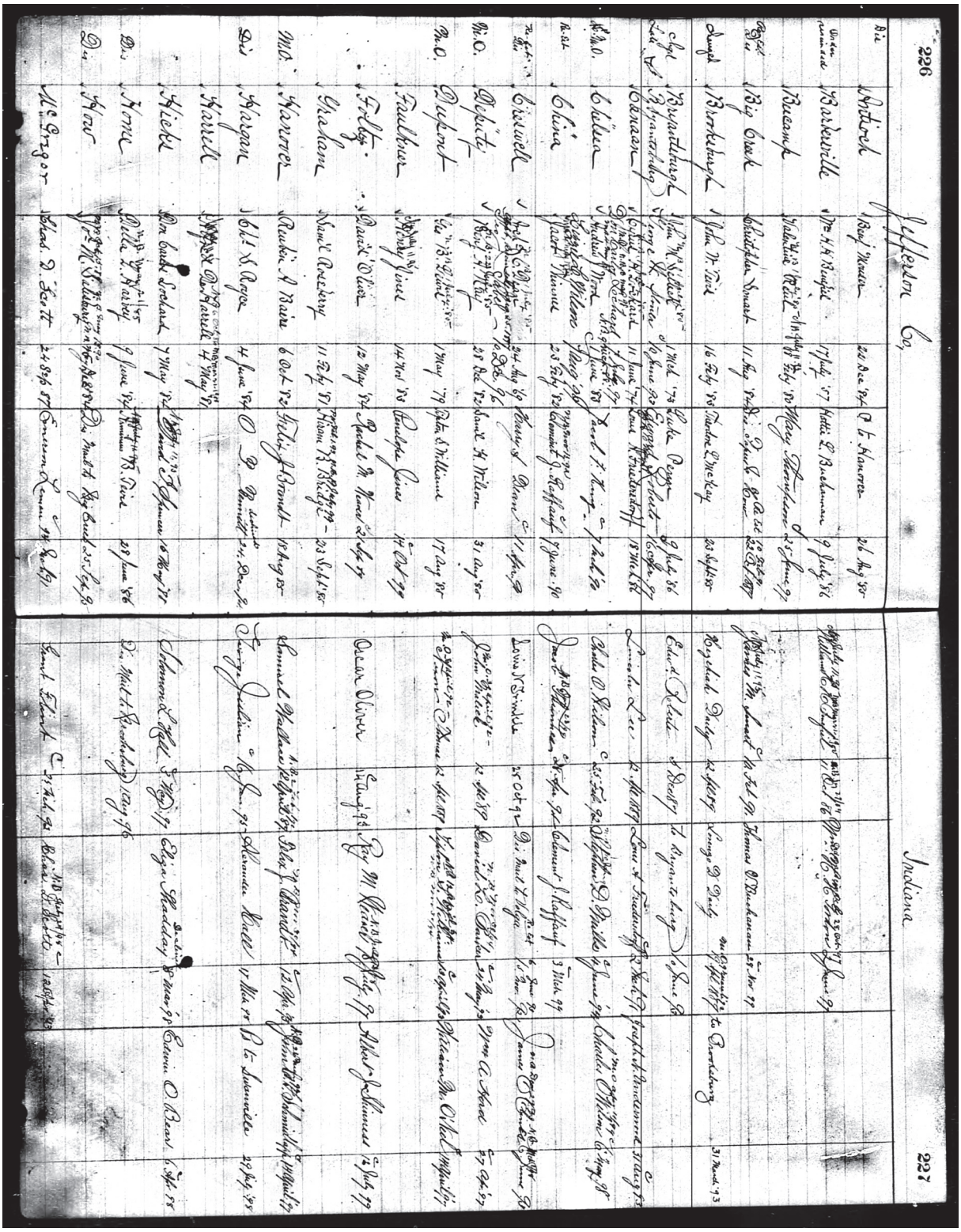
In Office	Number of Person	Dwelling Houses numbered by order of Visitation	Families numbered by order of Visitation	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description: Color, White, W., Black, B., Mulatto, Mu., Chinese, C., Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M., Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fraction, thus 6/12	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition: Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced.	Married during Census year.	Occupation, Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during Census year.	Health: Is the person (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education: Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity: Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	100	106		Matterford Solom	W	M	53				1				Farmer										Indiana	Vir.	Ky.	1
				Sarah A	W	F	51		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	2
				Rosetta	W	F	2		Daughter																Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	3
				Joseph	W	M	24		Brother						Farmer										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	4
				Sarah	W	F	71		Mother			1			assisting daughter in law										Kentucky		Ky.	5
	101	107		Gordon James W	W	M	24				1				Farmer										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	6
				Catharine	W	F	24		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	7
				Robert E.	W	M	6		Son						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	8
				Rhoda J.	W	F	4		Daughter																Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	9
				Amanda F.	W	F	12	June	Daughter																Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	10
	102	108		Gordon William H.	W	M	49				1				Farmer										Indiana	Ky.	Maryland	11
				Hannah C.	W	F	51		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Virginia	12
				Anna	W	F	23		mother			1													Maryland	Vir.	Vir.	13
				Vanarsdoorp George W	W	M	17		at home		1				Farm laborer										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	14
	103	109		Wise Felix M	W	M	47				1				Farmer		Lame					1			Indiana	Maryland	Kentucky	15
				Sarah E.	W	F	47		Sister			1			Keeping house										Indiana	Maryland	Kentucky	16
				Thomas	W	M	86		Father				1		House Carpenter		Invalid					1			Maryland			17
	104	110		Roberts Edward	W	M	35				1				House Carpenter		Lame					1			Indiana	Ky.	Ky.	18
				Mary F.	W	F	34		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.	19
	105	111		Martin Richard	W	M	60					1			Stave Shaker										N. Carolina			20
	106	112		Wise Thomas J	W	M	53				1				Farmer										Indiana	Maryland	Ky.	21
				Eliza F.	W	F	45		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.	22
				Julia A.	W	F	25		Daughter	1					School Teacher										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	23
				James M.	W	M	16		Son	1					at home								1		Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	24
				Priscilla	W	F	14		Daughter	1					at home								1		Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	25
				Nellie F.	W	F	10		Daughter						at home								1		Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	26
				Anna E.	W	F	8		Daughter						at home								1		Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	27
	107	113		Mitchell Daniel R.	W	M	24				1				Farmer										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	28
				Drusilla	W	F	27		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.	29
				Roberts David	W	M	34		Brother in law	1					at home		Idiot					1			Indiana	Ky.	Ky.	30
	108	114		Burke William	W	M	62				1				Farmer										Indiana	Con.	Ky.	31
				Patsy	W	F	60		wife		1				Keeping										Indiana	Vir.	Ky.	32
				Mary A	W	F	21		Daughter	1					at home		Sun Stroke					1			Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	33
				Barker Phebe A	W	F	28		Daughter	1					House Keeper										Indiana	N. Y.	Ind.	34
	109	115		Burke Rachael	W	F	54					1			Keeping house										Indiana	Conn.	Ky.	35
				William R.	W	M	19		Son	1					Farm laborer										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	36
	110	116		Brent Alfred	W	M	24				1				Farmer										Indiana	Ore.	Ind.	37
				Ada	W	F	21		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	38
				Leander	W	M	1		Son																Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	39
	111	117		McCullough Scott	W	M	27				1				Farmer										Indiana	Ky.	Penn.	40
				Alice	W	F	20		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	41
	112	118		Owens Thomas	W	M	65					1			Farmer		Blind					1			Kentucky	Penn.	Ky.	42
				Esther	W	F	34		Daughter	1					Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.	43
				Robert	W	M	27		Son	1					Farm Laborer										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.	44
				Lucy	W	F	21		Daughter	1					Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.	45
	113	119		Johnson William F	W	M	44				1				Farmer										Indiana	Ky.	Vir.	46
				Eliza B	W	F	43		wife		1				Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.	47
				Henry L	W	M	20		son						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	48
				Ettie S	W	F	19		Daughter						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	49
				Samuel S	W	M	15		son						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.	50

Note D—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G—In column 7 no abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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Figure 17.9

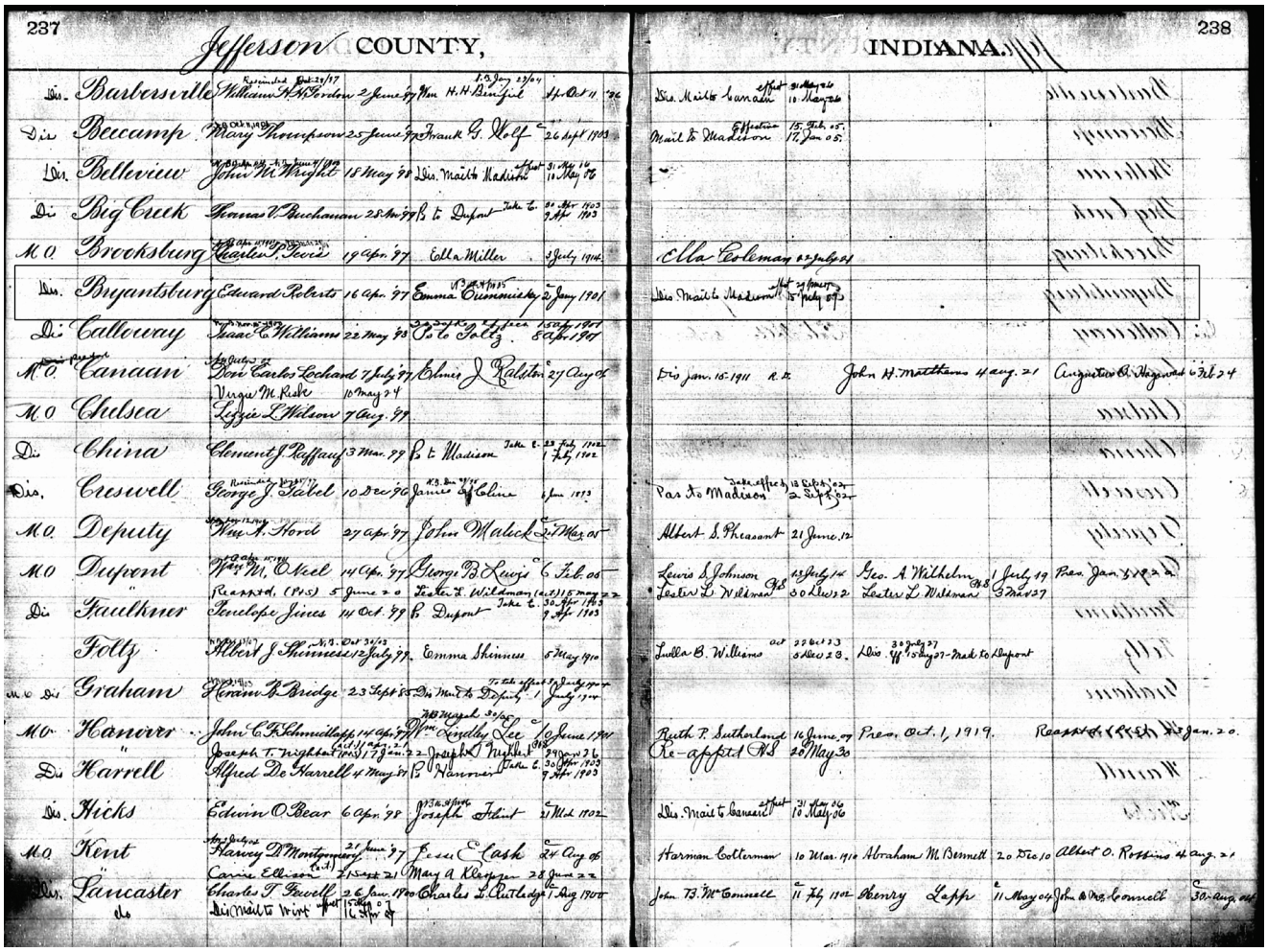
Appointments of US Postmasters – Jefferson County, Indiana (1887)



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Figure 17.10

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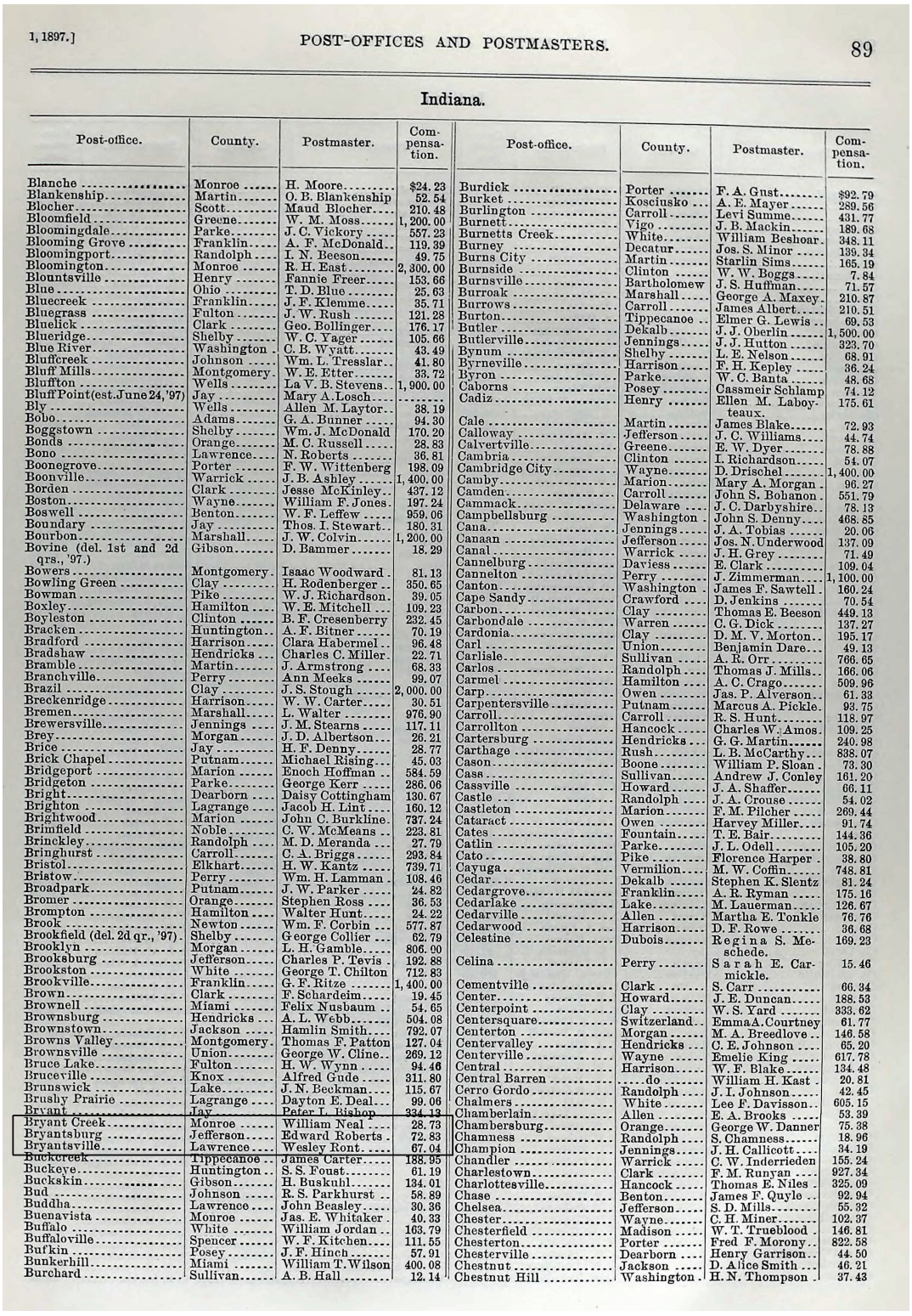
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Dis.	Barbersville	William A. Gordon	2 June 97	Wm. H. H. Benefiel	14 Oct 11	'96	Dis. Mail to Lovanda	31 May 26 / 10 May 26			
Dis	Beecamp	Mary Thompson	25 June 97	Frank G. Wolf	26 Sept 1903		Mail to Madison	15 Feb. 05. / 17 Jan 05.			
Dis.	Belleview	John M. Wright	18 May 98	Dis. Mail to Madison	31 May 14 / 10 May 98						
Dis	Big Creek	Thomas V. Buchanan	28 May 97	P. to Dupont	30 Apr 1903 / 9 Apr 1903						
M.O	Brooksburg	Charles T. Lewis	19 Apr. 97	Ella Miller	9 July 1914		Ella Coleman	23 July 01			
Dis.	Bryantsburg	Edward Roberts	16 Apr. 97	Emma Cummins	2 Jan 1901		Dis Mail to Madison	29 March / 15 July 09			
Dis	Calloway	Isaac E. Williams	22 May 98	P. to Paltz	15 Feb 1901 / 8 Apr 1901						
M.O.	Canaan	Dora Carlos Lochard	7 July 97	Elmer J. Kalston	27 Aug 01		Dis Jan. 15. 1911 R. L.		John H. Matthews	4 aug. 21	Augustus O. Haywood 6 Feb 24
		Virgie M. Rabe	10 May 24								
M.O	Chelsea	Lizzie L. Wilson	7 Aug. 97								
Dis	China	Clement J. Reffaif	3 Mar. 99	P. to Madison	23 Feb 1902 / 1 Feb 1902						
Dis.	Creswell	George J. Sabel	10 Dec 96	James A. Cline	1 Jan 1913		Pas to Madison	18 Feb 02 / 2 Sept 02			
M.O.	Deputy	Wm. A. Hord	27 Apr. 97	John Malock	21 May 05		Albert S. Pheasant	21 June. 12			
M.O	Dupont	Wm. M. Abel	14 Apr. 97	George B. Lewis	6 Feb. 05		Lewis S. Johnson	13 July 14	Geo. A. Wilhelm		1 July 19
		Reappt'd. (Pres)	5 June 00	Lester L. Wildman (act)	15 May 02		Lestie L. Wildman	30 Dec 12	Lester L. Wildman		3 Mar 07
Dis	Faulkner	Penelope Jones	14 Oct. 99	P. Dupont	30 Apr 1903 / 9 Apr 1903						
	Folly	Albert J. Shinnett	12 July 99	Emma Shinnett	5 May 1910		Lulla B. Williams	22 Oct 13 / 5 Dec 28.	Dis 30 Dec 27 / 18 Nov 27		Mail to Dupont
M.O Dis	Graham	Hiram B. Bridge	23 Sept 85	Dis Mail to Deputy	1 July 1910						
M.O	Hanover	John C. F. Schmidlapp	14 Apr. 97	Wm. Loyd Lee	10 June 1911		Ruth P. Sutherland	16 June 19	Pres. Oct. 1, 1919.		Reappt'd Jan. 20.
		Joseph T. Nighbert	10 Jan 22	Joseph T. Nighbert	30 Dec 36		Re-appt'd RS	20 May 30			
Dis	Harrell	Alfred De Harrell	4 May 97	P. Hanover	30 Apr 1903 / 9 Apr 1903						
Dis.	Hicks	Edwin O. Bear	6 Apr. 98	Joseph Flint	21 Mch 1902		Dis Mail to Canaan	31 May 26 / 10 May 26			
M.O	Kent	Harvey D. Montgomery	21 June 97	Jesse E. Cash	24 Aug 06		Harmon Colterman	10 Mar. 910	Abraham M. Bennett	20 Dec 10	Albert O. Robbins 4 aug. 21
		Carrie Ellison (act)	21 Sept 21	Mary A. Kleppen	28 June 22						
Dis.	Lancaster	Charles T. Powell	26 Jan 1900	Charles L. Rutledge	1 Aug 1900		John T. McConnell	11 Feb 1910	Henry Lapp	11 May 09	John A. McConnell 30 Aug 09
	do	Dis Mail to Wirt	15 Mar 07								

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Figure 17.11

1897 Register of Civil & Military Service



1, 1897.] POST-OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS. 89

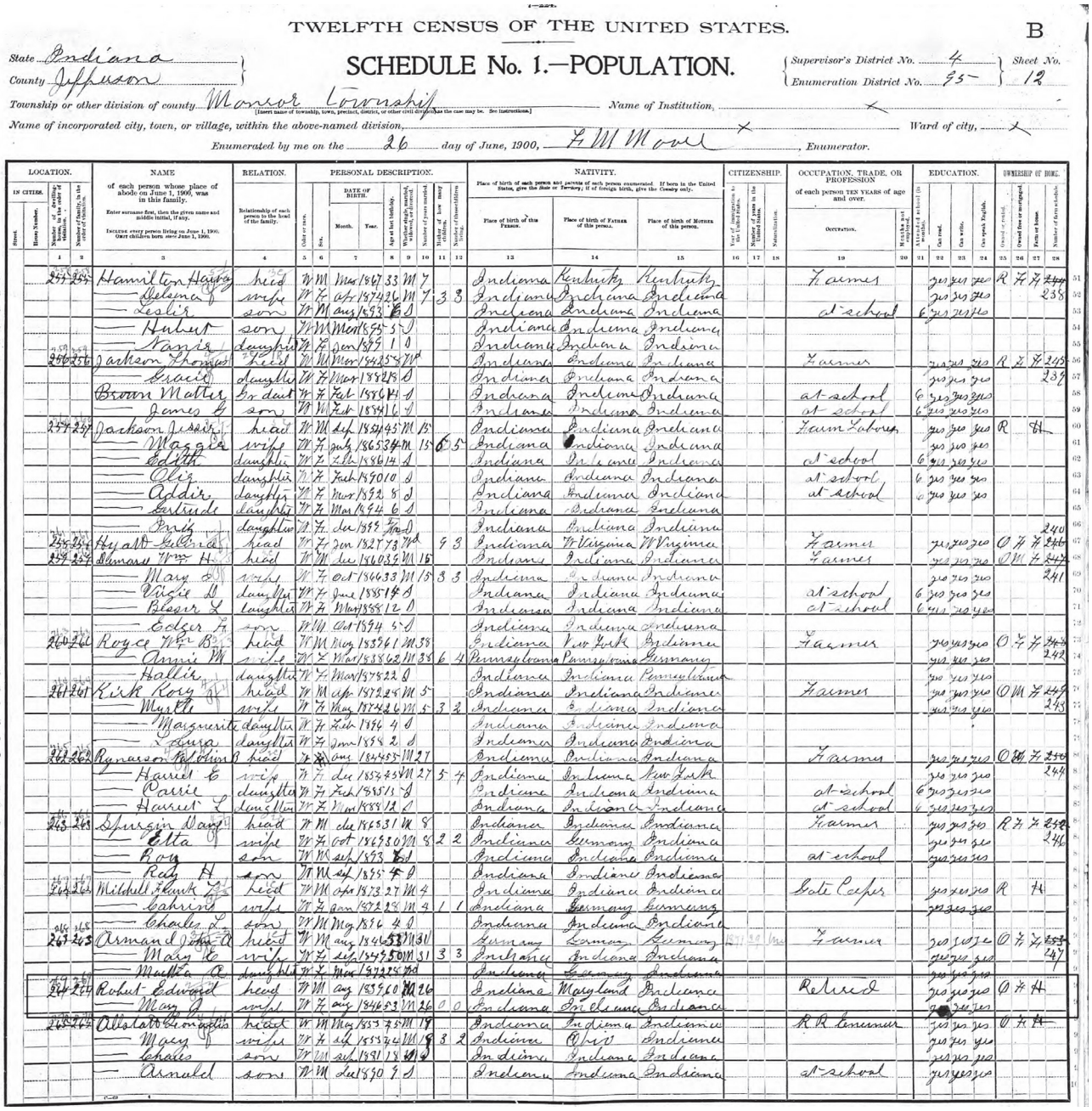
Indiana.

Post-office.	County.	Postmaster.	Compensation.
Blanche	Monroe	H. Moore	$24. 23
Blankenship	Martin	O. B. Blankenship	52. 54
Blocher	Scott	Maud Blocher	210. 48
Bloomfield	Greene	W. M. Moss	1, 200. 00
Bloomingdale	Parke	J. C. Vickory	557. 23
Blooming Grove	Franklin	A. F. McDonald	119. 39
Bloomingport	Randolph	I. N. Beeson	49. 75
Bloomington	Monroe	R. H. East	2, 300. 00
Blountsville	Henry	Fannie Freer	153. 66
Blue	Ohio	T. D. Blue	25. 63
Bluecreek	Franklin	J. F. Klemme	35. 71
Bluegrass	Fulton	J. W. Rush	121. 28
Bluelick	Clark	Geo. Bollinger	176. 17
Blueridge	Shelby	W. C. Yager	105. 66
Blue River	Washington	C. B. Wyatt	43. 49
Bluffcreek	Johnson	Wm. L. Tresslar	41. 80
Bluff Mills	Montgomery	W. E. Etter	33. 72
Bluffton	Wells	La V. B. Stevens	1, 900. 00
Bluff Point (est. June 24, '97)	Jay	Mary A. Losch	
Bly	Wells	Allen M. Laytor	38. 19
Bobo	Adams	G. A. Bunner	94. 30
Boggstown	Shelby	Wm. J. McDonald	170. 20
Bonds	Orange	M. C. Russell	28. 83
Bono	Lawrence	N. Roberts	36. 81
Boonegrove	Porter	F. W. Wittenberg	198. 09
Boonville	Warrick	J. B. Ashley	1, 400. 00
Borden	Clark	Jesse McKinley	437. 12
Boston	Wayne	William F. Jones	197. 24
Boswell	Benton	W. F. Leffew	959. 06
Boundary	Jay	Thos. I. Stewart	180. 31
Bourbon	Marshall	J. W. Colvin	1, 200. 00
Bovine (del. 1st and 2d qrs., '97.)	Gibson	D. Bammer	18. 29
Bowers	Montgomery	Isaac Woodward	81. 13
Bowling Green	Clay	H. Rodenberger	350. 65
Bowman	Pike	W. J. Richardson	39. 05
Boxley	Hamilton	W. E. Mitchell	109. 23
Boyleston	Clinton	B. F. Cresenberry	232. 45
Bracken	Huntington	A. F. Bitner	70. 19
Bradford	Harrison	Clara Habermel	96. 48
Bradshaw	Hendricks	Charles C. Miller	22. 71
Bramble	Martin	J. Armstrong	68. 33
Branchville	Perry	Ann Meeks	99. 07
Brazil	Clay	J. S. Stough	2, 000. 00
Breckenridge	Harrison	W. W. Carter	30. 51
Bremen	Marshall	L. Walter	976. 90
Brewersville	Jennings	J. M. Stearns	117. 11
Brey	Morgan	J. D. Albertson	26. 21
Brice	Jay	H. F. Denny	28. 77
Brick Chapel	Putnam	Michael Rising	45. 03
Bridgeport	Marion	Enoch Hoffman	584. 59
Bridgeton	Parke	George Kerr	286. 06
Bright	Dearborn	Daisy Cottingham	130. 67
Brighton	Lagrange	Jacob H. Lint	160. 12
Brightwood	Marion	John C. Burkline	737. 24
Brimfield	Noble	C. W. McMeans	223. 81
Brinckley	Randolph	M. D. Meranda	27. 79
Bringhurst	Carroll	C. A. Briggs	293. 84
Bristol	Elkhart	H. W. Kantz	739. 71
Bristow	Perry	Wm. H. Lamman	108. 46
Broadpark	Putnam	J. W. Parker	24. 82
Bromer	Orange	Stephen Ross	36. 53
Brompton	Hamilton	Walter Hunt	24. 22
Brook	Newton	Wm. F. Corbin	577. 87
Brookfield (del. 2d qr., '97)	Shelby	George Collier	62. 79
Brooklyn	Morgan	L. H. Gamble	806. 00
Brooksburg	Jefferson	Charles P. Tevis	192. 88
Brookston	White	George T. Chilton	712. 83
Brookville	Franklin	G. F. Ritze	1, 400. 00
Brown	Clark	F. Schardeim	19. 45
Brownell	Miami	Felix Nusbaum	54. 65
Brownsburg	Hendricks	A. L. Webb	504. 08
Brownstown	Jackson	Hamlin Smith	792. 07
Browns Valley	Montgomery	Thomas F. Patton	127. 04
Brownsville	Union	George W. Cline	269. 12
Bruce Lake	Fulton	H. W. Wynn	94. 46
Bruceville	Knox	Alfred Gude	311. 80
Brunswick	Lake	J. N. Beckman	115. 67
Brushy Prairie	Lagrange	Dayton E. Deal	99. 06
Bryant	Jay	Peter L. Bishop	334. 13
Bryant Creek	Monroe	William Neal	28. 73
Bryantsburg	Jefferson	Edward Roberts	72. 83
Bryantsville	Lawrence	Wesley Ront	67. 04
Buckcreek	Tippecanoe	James Carter	188. 95
Buckeye	Huntington	S. S. Foust	61. 19
Buckskin	Gibson	H. Buskuhl	134. 01
Bud	Johnson	R. S. Parkhurst	58. 89
Buddha	Lawrence	John Beasley	30. 36
Buenavista	Monroe	Jas. E. Whitaker	40. 33
Buffalo	White	William Jordan	163. 79
Buffaloville	Spencer	W. F. Kitchen	111. 55
Bufkin	Posey	J. F. Hinch	57. 91
Bunkerhill	Miami	William T. Wilson	400. 08
Burchard	Sullivan	A. B. Hall	12. 14
Burdick	Porter	F. A. Gust	$92. 79
Burket	Kosciusko	A. E. Mayer	289. 56
Burlington	Carroll	Levi Summe	431. 77
Burnett	Vigo	J. B. Mackin	189. 68
Burnetts Creek	White	William Beshoar	348. 11
Burney	Decatur	Jos. S. Minor	139. 34
Burns City	Martin	Starlin Sims	165. 19
Burnside	Clinton	W. W. Boggs	7. 84
Burnsville	Bartholomew	J. S. Huffman	71. 57
Burroak	Marshall	George A. Maxey	210. 87
Burrows	Carroll	James Albert	210. 51
Burton	Tippecanoe	Elmer G. Lewis	69. 53
Butler	Dekalb	J. J. Oberlin	1, 500. 00
Butlerville	Jennings	J. J. Hutton	323. 70
Bynum	Shelby	L. E. Nelson	68. 91
Byrneville	Harrison	F. H. Kepley	36. 24
Byron	Parke	W. C. Banta	48. 68
Caborns	Posey	Cassmeir Schlamp	74. 12
Cadiz	Henry	Ellen M. Laboyteaux.	175. 61
Cale	Martin	James Blake	72. 93
Calloway	Jefferson	J. C. Williams	44. 74
Calvertville	Greene	E. W. Dyer	78. 88
Cambria	Clinton	I. Richardson	54. 07
Cambridge City	Wayne	D. Drischel	1, 400. 00
Camby	Marion	Mary A. Morgan	96. 27
Camden	Carroll	John S. Bohanon	551. 79
Cammack	Delaware	J. C. Darbyshire	78. 13
Campbellsburg	Washington	John S. Denny	468. 85
Cana	Jennings	J. A. Tobias	20. 06
Canaan	Jefferson	Jos. N. Underwood	137. 09
Canal	Warrick	J. H. Grey	71. 49
Cannelburg	Daviess	E. Clark	109. 04
Cannelton	Perry	J. Zimmerman	1, 100. 00
Canton	Washington	James F. Sawtell	160. 24
Cape Sandy	Crawford	D. Jenkins	70. 54
Carbon	Clay	Thomas E. Beeson	449. 13
Carbondale	Warren	C. G. Dick	137. 27
Cardonia	Clay	D. M. V. Morton	195. 17
Carl	Union	Benjamin Dare	49. 13
Carlisle	Sullivan	A. R. Orr	766. 65
Carlos	Randolph	Thomas J. Mills	166. 06
Carmel	Hamilton	A. C. Crago	509. 96
Carp	Owen	Jas. P. Alverson	61. 33
Carpentersville	Putnam	Marcus A. Pickle	93. 75
Carroll	Carroll	R. S. Hunt	118. 97
Carrollton	Hancock	Charles W. Amos	109. 25
Cartersburg	Hendricks	G. G. Martin	240. 98
Carthage	Rush	L. B. McCarthy	838. 07
Cason	Boone	William P. Sloan	73. 30
Cass	Sullivan	Andrew J. Conley	161. 20
Cassville	Howard	J. A. Shaffer	66. 11
Castle	Randolph	J. A. Crouse	54. 02
Castleton	Marion	F. M. Pilcher	269. 44
Cataract	Owen	Harvey Miller	91. 74
Cates	Fountain	T. E. Bair	144. 36
Catlin	Parke	J. L. Odell	105. 20
Cato	Pike	Florence Harper	38. 80
Cayuga	Vermilion	M. W. Coffin	748. 81
Cedar	Dekalb	Stephen K. Slentz	81. 24
Cedargrove	Franklin	A. R. Ryman	175. 16
Cedarlake	Lake	M. Lauerman	126. 67
Cedarville	Allen	Martha E. Tonkle	76. 76
Cedarwood	Harrison	D. F. Rowe	36. 68
Celestine	Dubois	Regina S. Meschede.	169. 23
Celina	Perry	Sarah E. Carmickle.	15. 46
Cementville	Clark	S. Carr	66. 34
Center	Howard	J. E. Duncan	188. 53
Centerpoint	Clay	W. S. Yard	333. 62
Centersquare	Switzerland	Emma A. Courtney	61. 77
Centerton	Morgan	M. A. Breedlove	146. 58
Centervalley	Hendricks	C. E. Johnson	65. 20
Centerville	Wayne	Emelie King	617. 78
Central	Harrison	W. F. Blake	134. 48
Central Barren	do	William H. Kast	20. 81
Cerro Gordo	Randolph	J. I. Johnson	42. 45
Chalmers	White	Lee F. Davisson	605. 15
Chamberlain	Allen	E. A. Brooks	53. 39
Chambersburg	Orange	George W. Danner	75. 38
Chamness	Randolph	S. Chamness	18. 96
Champion	Jennings	J. H. Callicott	34. 19
Chandler	Warrick	C. W. Inderrieden	155. 24
Charlestown	Clark	F. M. Runyan	927. 34
Charlottesville	Hancock	Thomas E. Niles	325. 09
Chase	Benton	James F. Quyle	92. 94
Chelsea	Jefferson	S. D. Mills	55. 32
Chester	Wayne	C. H. Miner	102. 37
Chesterfield	Madison	W. T. Trueblood	146. 81
Chesterton	Porter	Fred F. Morony	822. 58
Chesterville	Dearborn	Henry Garrison	44. 50
Chestnut	Jackson	D. Alice Smith	46. 21
Chestnut Hill	Washington	H. N. Thompson	37. 43

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Figure 17.12

1900 United States Federal Census – Monroe Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. B

State Indiana
County Jefferson
Township or other division of county Monroe Township
[Insert name of township, town, precinct, district, or other civil division, as the case may be. See instructions.]
Name of Institution, —
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, —
Ward of city, —

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 4 — Enumeration District No. 95 — Sheet No. 12

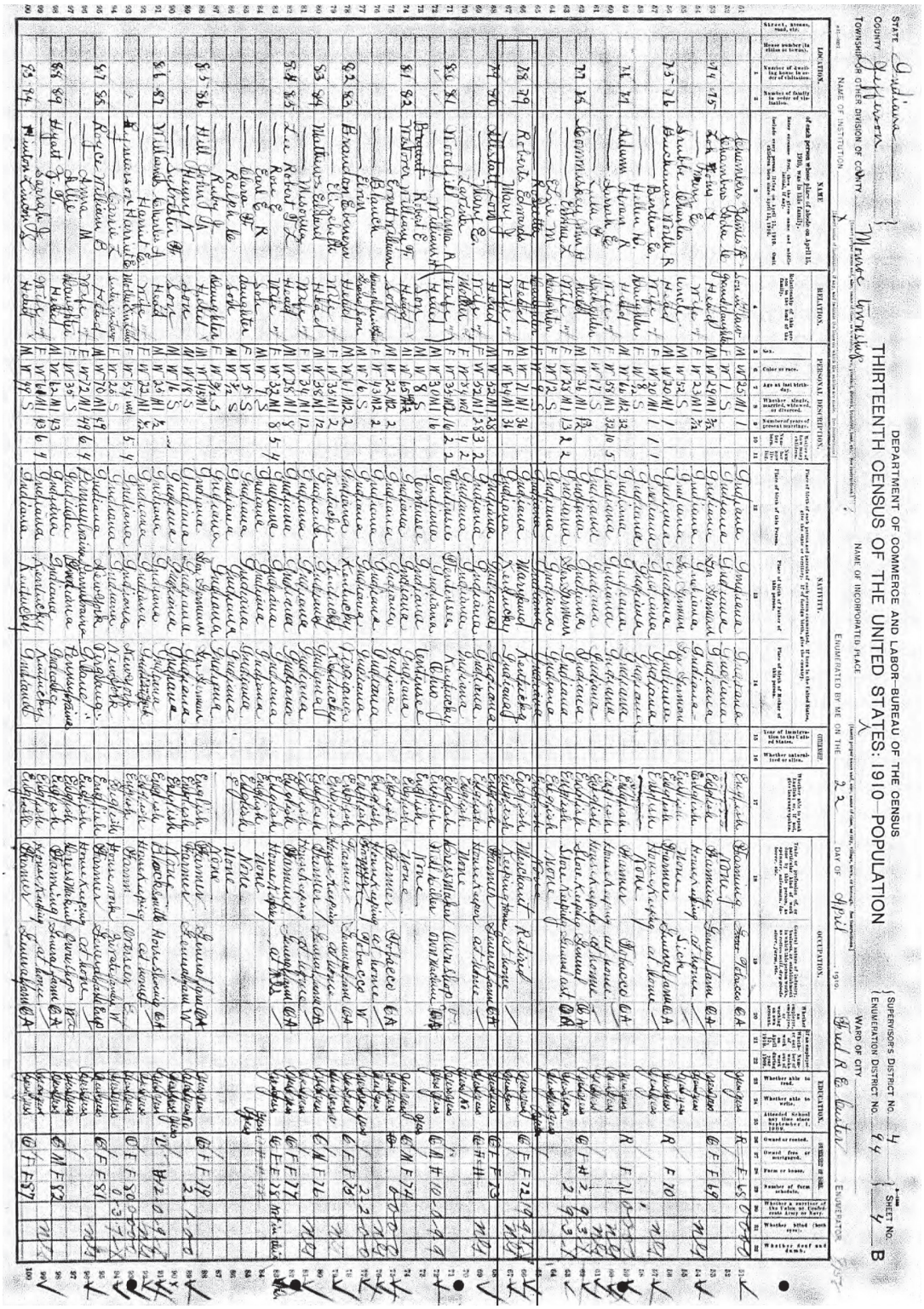
Enumerated by me on the 26 day of June, 1900, F W Morel, Enumerator.

	LOCATION.		NAME	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION.				OWNERSHIP OF HOME.			
	IN CITIES. Street.	House Number.	Number of dwelling house, in the order of visitation.	Number of family, in the order of visitation.	Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH. Month.	DATE OF BIRTH. Year.	Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Mother of how many children. Number of children living.	Place of birth of the Person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.	Place of birth of Mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	Occupation.	Months at work at this occupation.	Attended school (in months).	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Owned or rented.	Owned free or mortgaged.	Farm or house.	Number of farm schedule.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
51		254	Hamilton Harry	head	W	M	Mar	1867	33	M	7			Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	R	H	H	244	51
52			Helena	wife	W	F	Apr	1874	26	M	7	3	3	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				238	52
53			Leslie	son	W	M	May	1893	6	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					53
54			Hubert	son	W	M	March	1895	5	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														54
55			Nazzie	daughter	W	F	Jan	1897	3	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														55
56		255	Jackson Thomas	Father	W	M	Mar	1845	55	M				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	R	E	H	245	56
57			Gracie	daughter	W	F	Mar	1882	18	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				239	57
58			Brown Mattie	Sr daut	W	F	Feb	1886	14	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					58
59			James H	son	W	M	Feb	1884	16	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					59
60		254	Jackson Jesse	head	W	M	Sep	1852	45	M	15			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farm Laborer			yes	yes	yes	R		H		60
61			Maggie	wife	W	F	July	1865	34	M	15	6	5	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes					61
62			Edith	daughter	W	F	Feb	1886	14	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					62
63			Cleo	daughter	W	F	Feb	1890	10	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					63
64			Addie	daughter	W	F	Mar	1892	8	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					64
65			Gertrude	daughter	W	F	Mar	1894	6	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														65
66			Pearl	daughter	W	F	Dec	1898	1	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana													240	66
67		255	Hyatt Gilbert	head	W	F	Jan	1827	73	Wd		5	3	Indiana	Virginia	Virginia				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	O	H	H	246	67
68		254	Demaree Wm H.	head	W	M	Dec	1860	39	M	15			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	O	M	H	247	68
69			Mary E	wife	W	F	Oct	1866	33	M	15	3	3	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				241	69
70			Virgie D	daughter	W	F	June	1888	11	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					70
71			Blosser L	daughter	W	F	May	1888	12	D				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					71
72			Edgar F	son	W	M	Oct	1894	5	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														72
73		260	Royce Wm B	head	W	M	May	1858	41	M	38			Indiana	New York	Indiana				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	O	H	H	243	73
74			Annie M	wife	W	F	Mar	1858	42	M	38	6	4	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Germany							yes	yes	yes				242	74
75			Hallie	daughter	W	F	Mar	1887	13	S				Indiana	Indiana	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes					75
76		261	Kirk Roy	head	W	M	Sep	1872	25	M	5			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	O	M	H	244	76
77			Myrtle	wife	W	F	May	1874	26	M	5	3	2	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				245	77
78			Marguerite	daughter	W	F	Feb	1896	4	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														78
79			Dora	daughter	W	F	Jan	1898	2	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														79
80		262	Rynerson Edwin	Boarder	W	M	Jan	1848	53	M	27			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	O	M	H	250	80
81			Harriet E	wife	W	F	Dec	1853	46	M	27	5	4	Indiana	Indiana	New York							yes	yes	yes				244	81
82			Carrie	daughter	W	F	Feb	1885	15	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					82
83			Harriet L	daughter	W	F	Mar	1888	12	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school		6	yes	yes	yes					83
84		263	Spurgin Daniel	head	W	M	Dec	1865	34	M	8			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	R	H	H	248	84
85			Etta	wife	W	F	Oct	1869	30	M	8	2	2	Indiana	Germany	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				246	85
86			Roy	son	W	M	Sep	1893	6	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school			yes	yes	yes					86
87			Ray H	son	W	M	Sep	1895	4	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														87
88		264	Mitchell Frank	head	W	M	Apr	1873	27	M	4			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				Gate Keeper			yes	yes	yes	R		H		88
89			Sabrina	wife	W	F	Jan	1872	28	M	4	1	1	Indiana	Germany	Germany							yes	yes	yes					89
90			Charles L	son	W	M	May	1896	4	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana														90
91		267	Armand John A	head	W	M	May	1846	53	M	31			Germany	Germany	Germany				Farmer			yes	yes	yes	O	H	H	253	91
92			Mary C	wife	W	F	Aug	1847	50	M	31	3	3	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes				247	92
93			Martha A	daughter	W	F	Mar	1872	28	Wd				Indiana	Germany	Indiana							yes	yes	yes					93
94		267	Robert Edward	head	W	M	Aug	1859	40	M	26			Indiana	Maryland	Indiana				Retired			yes	yes	yes	O	H	H		94
95			Mary	wife	W	F	Aug	1863	36	M	26	0	0	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes					95
96		265	Allsladd Reynolds	head	W	M	May	1853	46	M	19			Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				R R Conductor			yes	yes	yes	O	H	H		96
97			Mary	wife	W	F	Aug	1855	44	M	19	3	2	Indiana	Ohio	Indiana							yes	yes	yes					97
98			Charles	son	W	M	Sep	1891	8	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana							yes	yes	yes					98
99			Arnauld	son	W	M	Jul	1890	9	S				Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				at school			yes	yes	yes					99
100																													100

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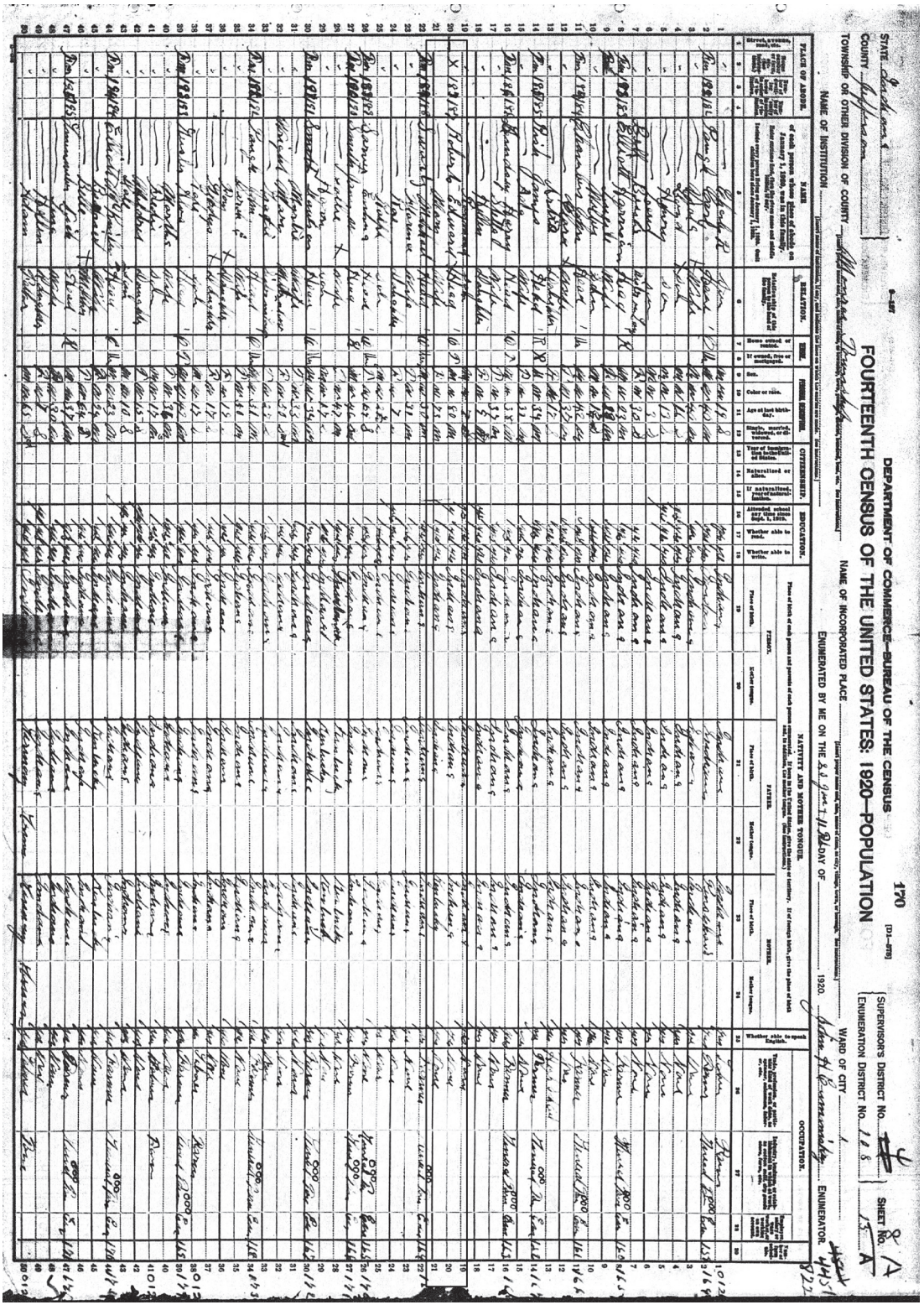
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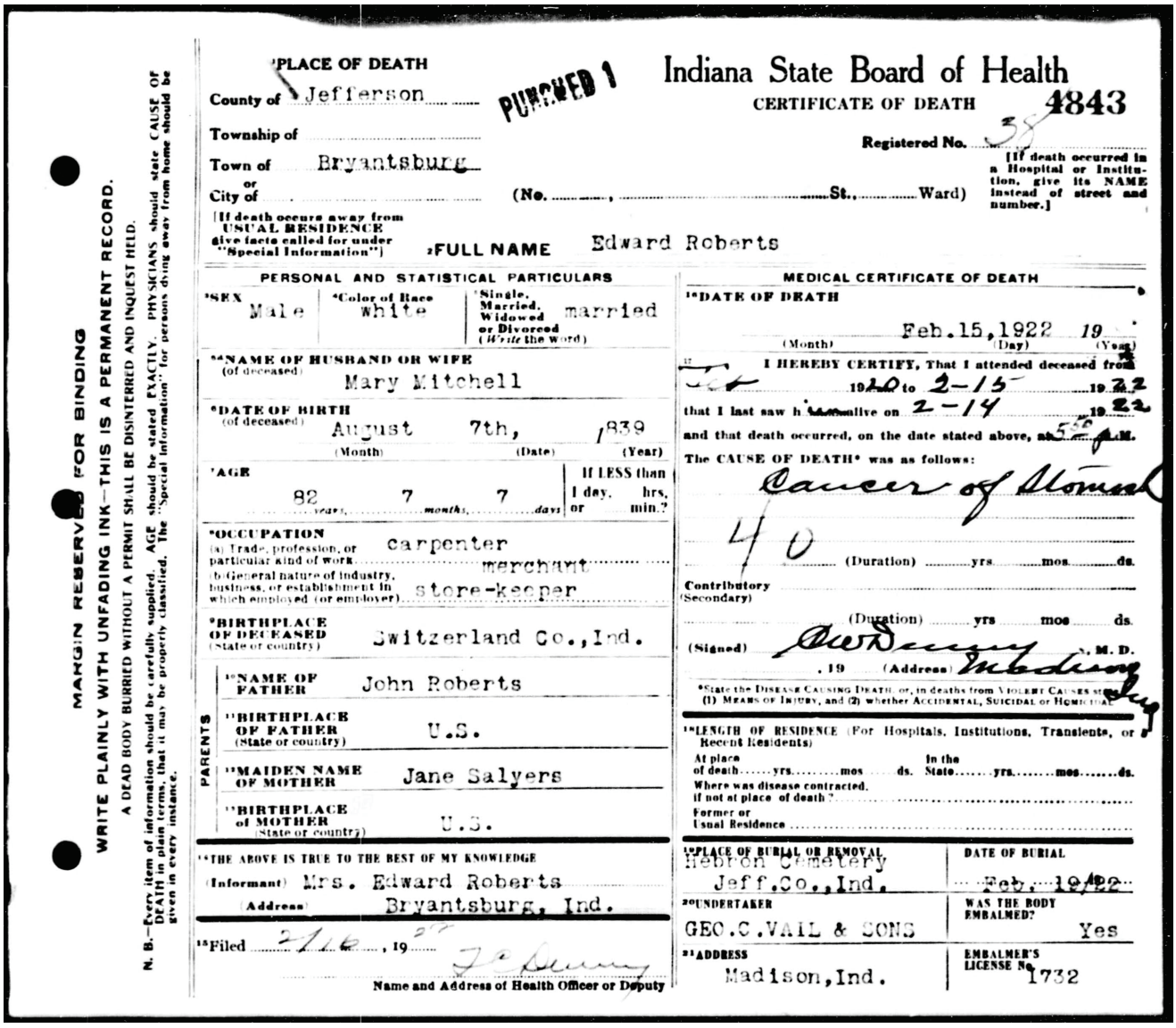
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Figure 17.15

Edward Roberts[17] Death Certificate



Indiana State Board of Health
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4843
Registered No. 35

PLACE OF DEATH
County of Jefferson
Township of
Town of Bryantsburg
or City of
(No. , St., Ward)
[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]
[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information"]

FULL NAME Edward Roberts

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX: Male
Color of Race: White
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word): married
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE (of deceased): Mary Mitchell
DATE OF BIRTH (of deceased): August 7th, 1839 (Month) (Date) (Year)
AGE: 82 years, 7 months, 7 days
If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
OCCUPATION: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: carpenter merchant
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): store-keeper
BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED (State or country): Switzerland Co.,Ind.

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER: John Roberts
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country): U.S.
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Jane Salyers
BIRTHPLACE of MOTHER (State or country): U.S.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Mrs. Edward Roberts
(Address) Bryantsburg, Ind.
Filed 2/16, 19 22
Name and Address of Health Officer or Deputy

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH: Feb.15,1922 (Month) (Day) (Year)
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 1920 to 2-15 1922
that I last saw h alive on 2-14 1922
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5:00 P.M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Cancer of Stomach
40 (Duration) yrs mos ds.
Contributory (Secondary)
(Duration) yrs mos ds.
(Signed) A.W.Dunning, M. D.
, 19 (Address) Mbedning
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At place of death yrs mos ds. In the State yrs mos ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or Usual Residence

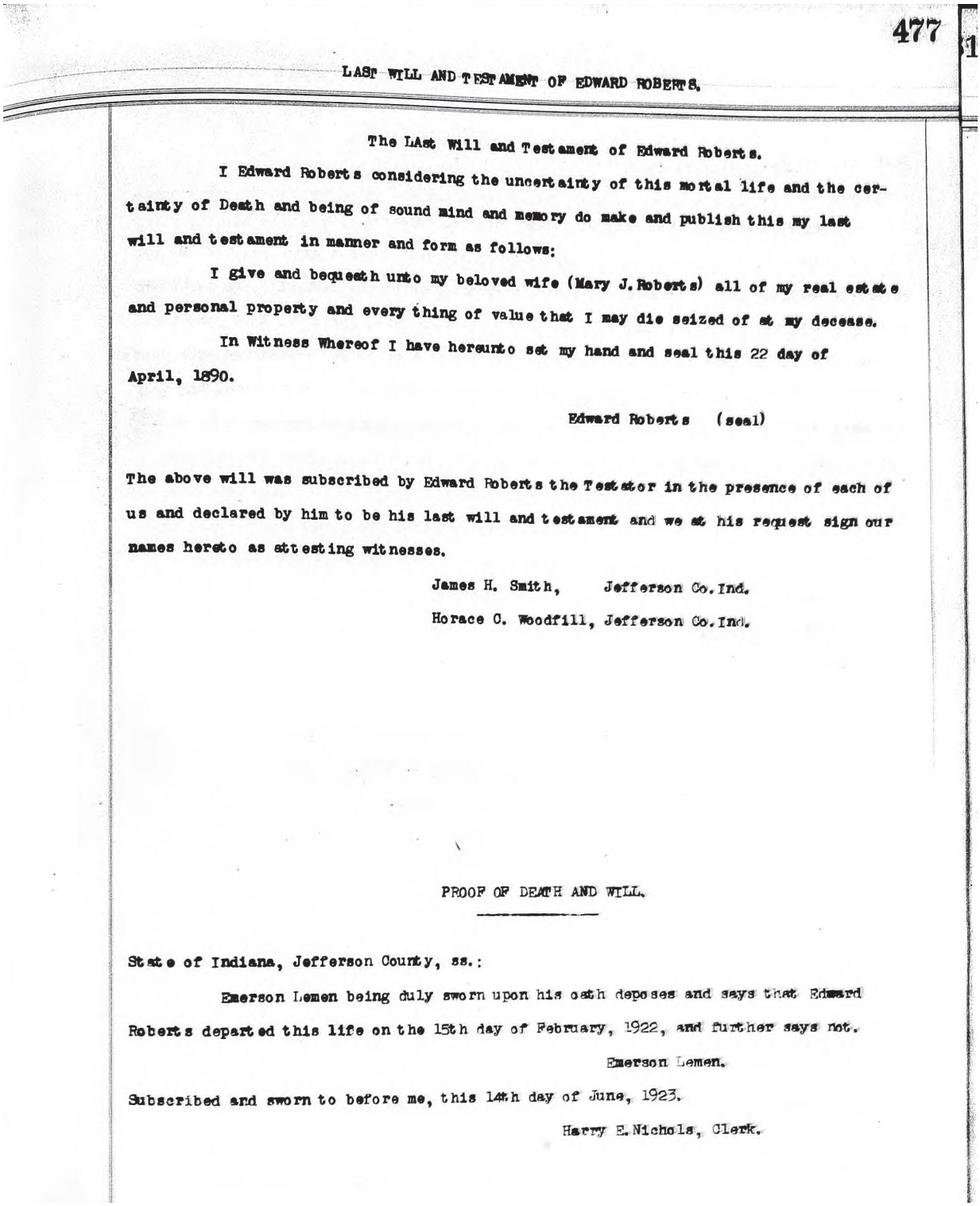
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Hebron Cemetery Jeff.Co.,Ind.
DATE OF BURIAL: Feb. 19, 1922
UNDERTAKER: GEO.C.VAIL & SONS
WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? Yes
ADDRESS: Madison,Ind.
EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 1732

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
A DEAD BODY BURIED WITHOUT A PERMIT SHALL BE DISINTERRED AND INQUEST HELD.
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

"Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_350142-02366?pId=4923185 : accessed 28 Nov 2021), Certificate > 1922 > 02 > Image 2367 of 2523.

Figure 17.16

Edward Roberts[17] Will



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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDWARD ROBERTS.

The LAst Will and Testament of Edward Roberts.

I Edward Roberts considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of Death and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife (Mary J. Roberts) all of my real estate and personal property and every thing of value that I may die seized of at my decease.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of April, 1890.

Edward Roberts (seal)

The above will was subscribed by Edward Roberts the Testator in the presence of each of us and declared by him to be his last will and testament and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

James H. Smith, Jefferson Co. Ind.

Horace C. Woodfill, Jefferson Co. Ind.

PROOF OF DEATH AND WILL.

State of Indiana, Jefferson County, ss.:

Emerson Lemen being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that Edward Roberts departed this life on the 15th day of February, 1922, and further says not.

Emerson Lemen.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of June, 1923.

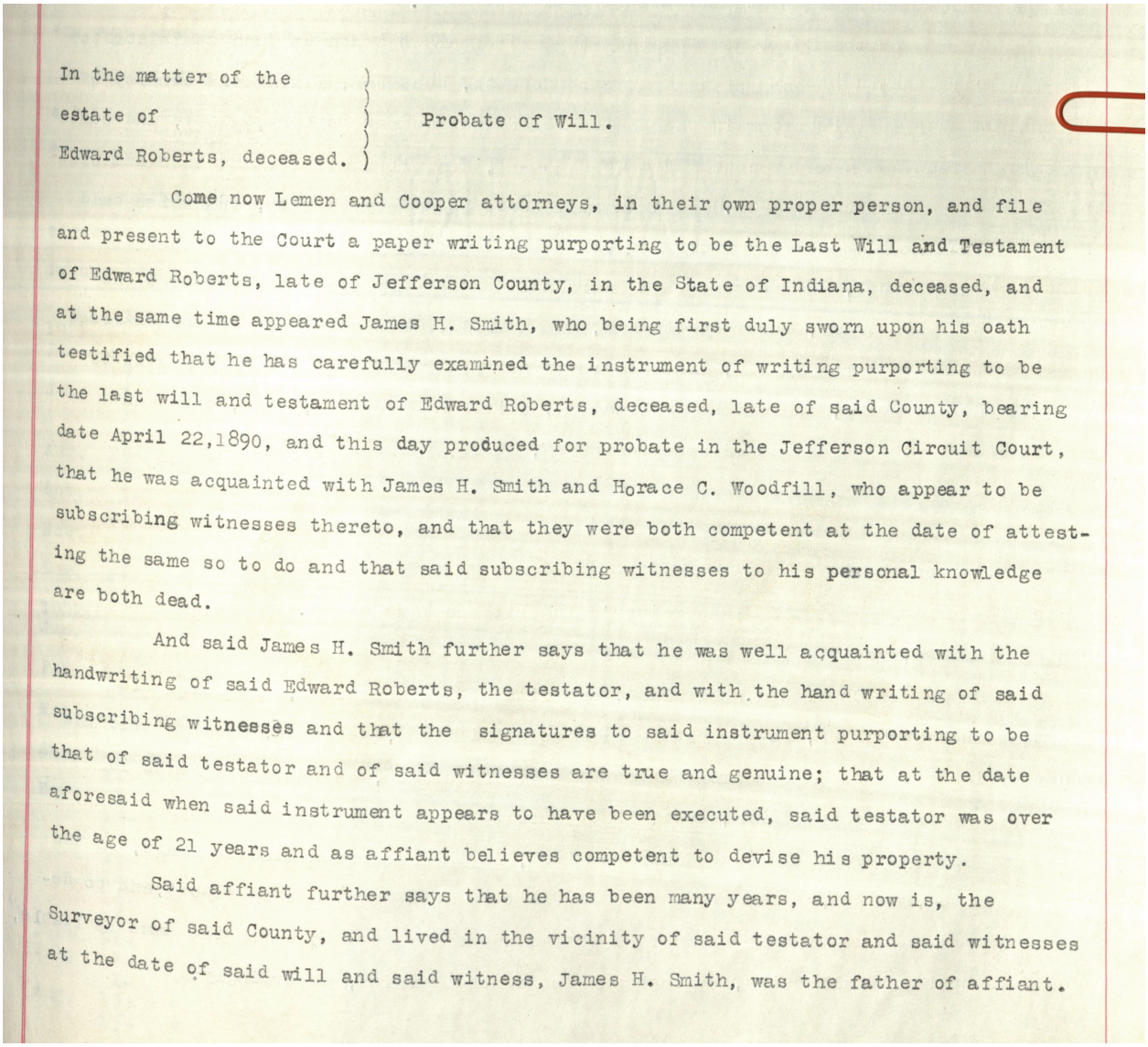
Harry E. Nichols, Clerk.

"Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007646282_00276?pId=383827 : accessed 28 Nov 2021), Jefferson > Will Records, Vol G, 1916-1924 > Image 276 of 333.

Figure 17.17 (3 pages)

Edward Roberts[17] Probate Records

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In the matter of the)
)
estate of) Probate of Will.
)
Edward Roberts, deceased.)

Come now Lemen and Cooper attorneys, in their own proper person, and file and present to the Court a paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Edward Roberts, late of Jefferson County, in the State of Indiana, deceased, and at the same time appeared James H. Smith, who being first duly sworn upon his oath testified that he has carefully examined the instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Edward Roberts, deceased, late of said County, bearing date April 22,1890, and this day produced for probate in the Jefferson Circuit Court, that he was acquainted with James H. Smith and Horace C. Woodfill, who appear to be subscribing witnesses thereto, and that they were both competent at the date of attesting the same so to do and that said subscribing witnesses to his personal knowledge are both dead.

And said James H. Smith further says that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of said Edward Roberts, the testator, and with the hand writing of said subscribing witnesses and that the signatures to said instrument purporting to be that of said testator and of said witnesses are true and genuine; that at the date aforesaid when said instrument appears to have been executed, said testator was over the age of 21 years and as affiant believes competent to devise his property.

Said affiant further says that he has been many years, and now is, the Surveyor of said County, and lived in the vicinity of said testator and said witnesses at the date of said will and said witness, James H. Smith, was the father of affiant.

Received 25 Nov 2019 from Jefferson County Clerk, 300 E Main St #203, Madison, Indiana.
Source: Probate Order Book 28 (1923-1924), pgs. 33, 34, 157.

WHEREUPON the Court now admits said paper writing to probate as and for the true and genuine Last Will and Testament of said decedent, Edward Roberts, deceased, and the testimony of said James H. Smith is reduced to writing, signed by him, and attached to said will, and a Certificate of Probate is now endorsed thereon, as required by law, and said will, together with the proofs thereof and Certificate of Probate endorsed thereon are now by the Clerk of said Court duly recorded in the Will Records of said Court, and which will, together with the proofs thereof and certificate of probate thereon are in the words and figures following, towit: (here insert)

In the matter of the estate of Edward Roberts, deceased.) Appointment of Administrator with the will annexed.

Comes now Emerson Lemen, in his own proper person, and files his duly verified application in writing, for the appointment as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Edward Roberts, late of Jefferson County, Indiana, deceased, and in which application he shows to the Court that said decedent died the owner of a personal estate of the probable value of One Hundred Dollars that will come into his hands as such administrator.

And at the same time said Emerson Lemen files the waiver and request of Mary Roberts, widow of said Edward Roberts, deceased, for the appointment of said Emerson Lemen as such administrator with the will annexed.

WHEREUPON the Court now appoints the said Emerson Lemen as such administrator with the will anneced of the estate of Edward Roberts, deceased, fixing the penalty of his bond as such administrator in the penal sum of Two Hundred Dollars,($200), and comes now said Emerson Lemen and accepts said appointment, and files his bond as such administrator in the penal sum of $200.00 with Mary Roberts as surety thereon, and which bond being seen and examined by the Court and being in due form as required by law is approved by the Court, and now the said Emerson Lemen is duly sworn to discharge the duties of his said trust, according to law, and a copy of his said oath is now endorsed on said bond as required by law, and letters of administration are now duly issued to the said Emerson Lemen, and which application, waiver and request, bond, oath and letters read in the words and figures following, towit: (here insert)

In the matter of the)
estate of) Report and Resignation.
Edward Roberts, deceased.)

Comes now Emerson Lemen, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Edward Roberts, deceased, and as such administrator now files and presents his duly verified report and resignation in said estate, which report and resignation reads in the words and figures following, towit:

"State of Indiana)
) SS.
Jefferson County)

In the Jefferson Circuit Court,

October Term, 1923.

In the estate of)
Edward Roberts, deceased.)
) Report and Resignation.
Emerson Lemen, administrator)
with the will annexed.)

The undersigned, administrator of said estate, shows to the Court that he was appointed administrator of said estate to obtain the cash due on war saving stamps at maturity.

He is chargeable with 20 war saving stamps cashed $100.00

He is chargeable with the following as shown by

Voucher No.

1. Harry E.Nichols,Clerk, court costs, including the probate of the will of decedent, transfer of lots and recording will in recorder's office $12.15
Self, services as administrator $10.00
2. Mary Roberts, widow, sole beneficiary on distribution, 77.85

Total $100.00

Said administrator shows to the court that he has paid out and distributed all money coming into his hands as administrator and he hereby resigns as such administrator with the will annexed and he prays that this report may be approved and his resignation as suchadministrator with the will annexed be accepted.

Emerson Lemen, Administrator.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August,1923.

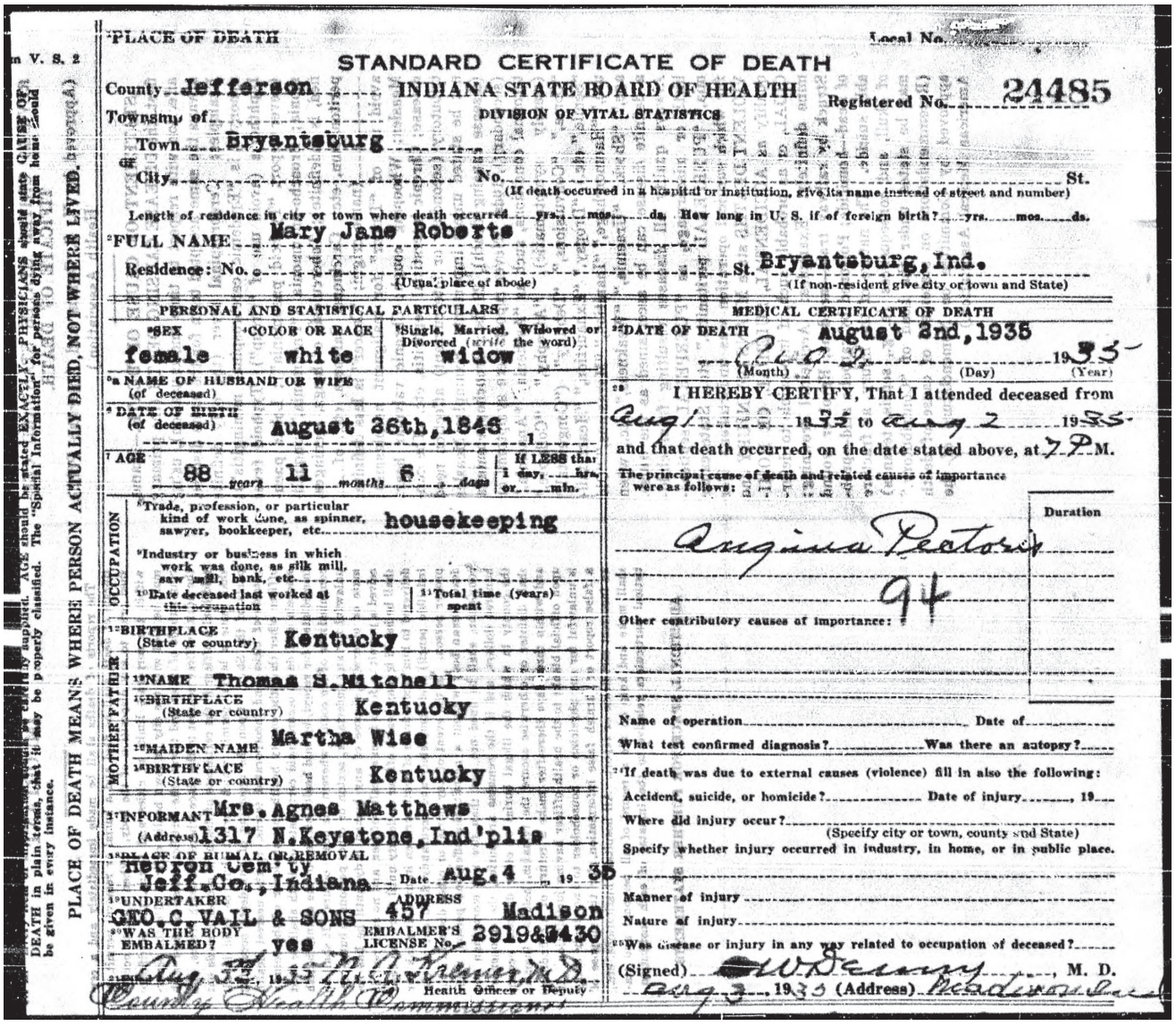
Harry E.Nichols, Clerk."

And the Court having seen and examined said report and vouchers thereto attached, and being fully and fairly advised in the premises, finds the same true and correct in all things, and that said report should be approved and confirmed, and said resignation accepted, and said administrator with the will annexed should be declared fully and finally discharged from the duties of his said trust.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT that said report be and the same is hereby in all things approved and confirmed, and said resignation is hereby accepted, and said administrator with the will annexed is hereby fully and finally discharged from the duties of his said trust.

Figure 17.18

Mary Jane Roberts Death Certificate



STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

Registered No. 24485

Local No.

County Jefferson

Township of

Town Bryantsburg

or City

No. St.

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

FULL NAME Mary Jane Roberts

Residence: No. St. Bryantsburg, Ind.

(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX: female

COLOR OR RACE: white

Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word): widow

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE (of deceased)

DATE OF BIRTH (of deceased): August 36th, 1846

AGE: 88 years 11 months 6 days

If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION

Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.: housekeeping

Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

Date deceased last worked at this occupation

Total time (years) spent

BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Kentucky

MOTHER

NAME: Thomas S. Mitchell

BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Kentucky

FATHER

MAIDEN NAME: Martha Wise

BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Kentucky

INFORMANT: Mrs. Agnes Matthews

(Address) 1317 N. Keystone, Ind'plis

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Hebron Cem'ty Jeff. Co., Indiana Date Aug. 4, 19 35

UNDERTAKER: GEO. C. VAIL & SONS ADDRESS 457 Madison

WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? yes EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 3919&3430

Aug. 3rd, 19 35 M. C. Kramer, M. D.

Health Officer or Deputy

County Health Commissioner

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH: August 2nd, 1935 (Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 1 19 35 to Aug 2 19 35

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 P. M.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

	Duration
Angina Pectoris	
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Other contributory causes of importance:

Name of operation Date of

What test confirmed diagnosis? Was there an autopsy?

If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:

Accident, suicide, or homicide? Date of injury, 19

Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, county and State)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury

Nature of injury

Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?

(Signed) W. Denny, M. D.

Aug. 3, 1935 (Address) Madison Ind

PLACE OF DEATH MEANS WHERE PERSON ACTUALLY DIED, NOT WHERE LIVED.

DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Spatial Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

"Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/45232_356173-00457?pId=1028518 : accessed 28 Nov 2021), Certificate > 1935 > 09 > Image 458 of 2978.

Appendix 17.1

Excerpts from Edward's Civil War Pension File (38 pages)

Edward's complete pension file is composed of 279 images and was obtained in April 2017 from the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

Edward's Declaration for Invalid Army Pension – Filed 25 Sep 1869
(3 pages)

DECLARATION FOR INVALID ARMY PENSION.

STATE OF Indiana }
COUNTY OF Jefferson } SS:

On this 26 day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, personally appeared before me, James P Ferry, Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, Edward Roberts aged 30 years, a resident of Bryantsburg, in the County of Jefferson, in the State of Indiana, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares he is the identical Edward Roberts, who enlisted in the service of the United States at Madison, County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, on the 1st day of May, in the year 1864, as a Private in Company "D" commanded by Captain Lt" Jewell, in the 137" Regiment of Ind" Vol", in the war of 1861,

and was honorably discharged on the 21' day of September, in the year 1864 that while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, at a place called Tullahoma, in the State of Tennessee on the 20th day of June, 1864, he received an attack of sun stroke producing general debility also at a place called Tullahoma in the State of Tennessee on the 10 day of June 1864 he received a wound in his left hand by a Musket ball while on picket duty which disabled him up to date of his discharge. Since leaving the service his disability has continued greatly disabling him from performing manual labor,

He has not been employed in any civil branch of the Government since March 3d, 1865.

Since leaving the service he has resided Bryantsburg in the County of Jefferson, in the State of Indiana, and his occupation has been Carpenter when able to work

when enrolled he was a Carpenter. And for the purpose of prosecuting his claim he hereby appoints **T. E. JOHNSON**, of **Indianapolis**, State of **Indiana**, his attorney in fact, with power of substitution, and with authority to receive his pension certificate. He requests that his pension be paid at Madison, State of Indiana. His Post Office address is Bryantsburg County of Jefferson, and State of Indiana.

Edward Roberts
Signature of Claimant.

Witnesses: Henry C Johnson
John M Wise

Also, personally appeared Henry C Johnson, a resident of Jefferson County, State of Indiana, and John Mc Wise, a resident of Jefferson County, State of Indiana persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Edward Roberts, sign his name and make oath to the foregoing declaration and power of attorney, and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; that they have known him for Twenty Years last past; that prior to enlistment he was Carpenter. Since leaving the service his habits have been uniformly good, and his occupation has been Carpenter & wheelwright To work

They further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of Witnesses: Henry C Johnson
John Mc Wise

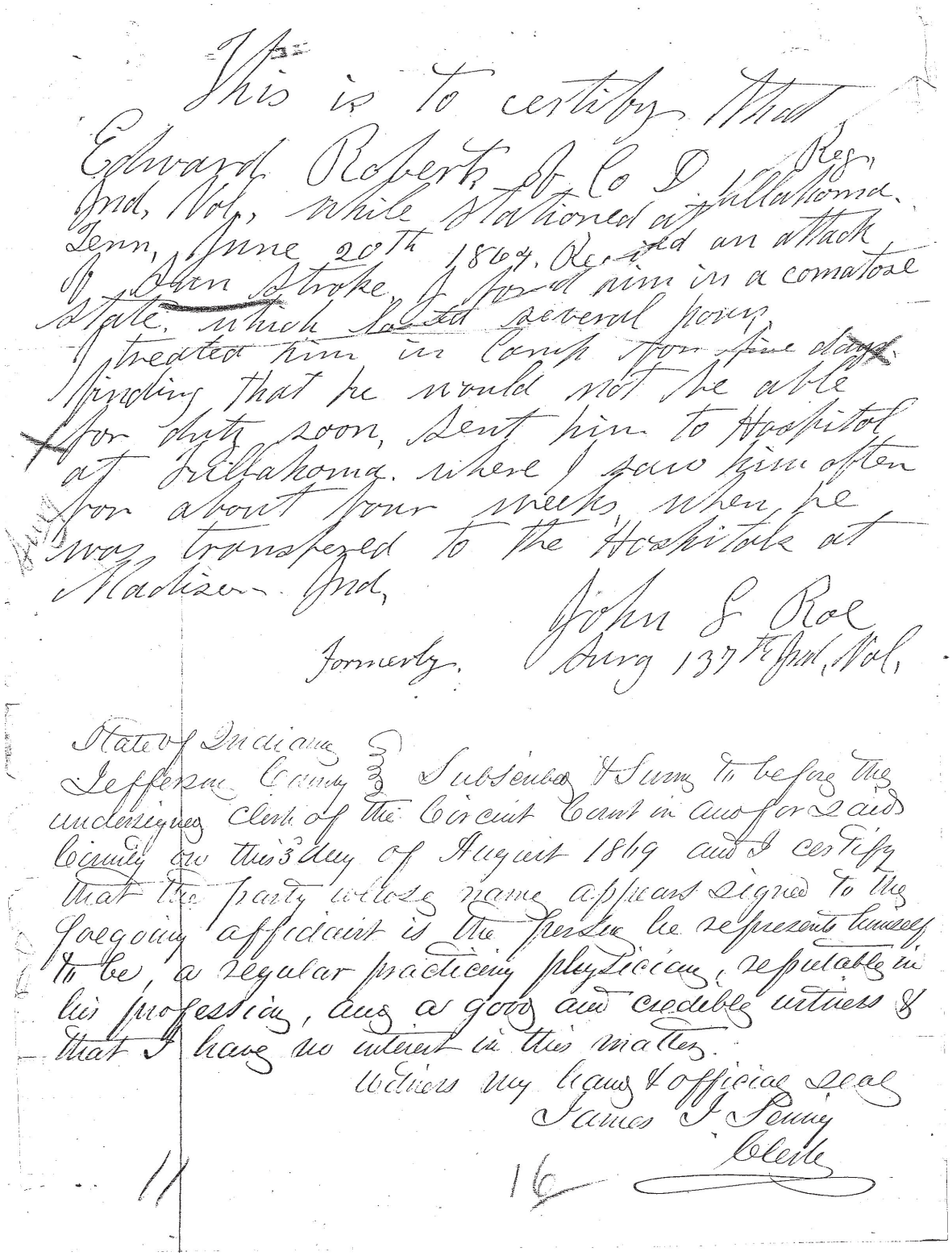
Sworn to, acknowledged and subscribed before me, this 25 day of September, 1869, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration of claimant and affidavit of witnesses, was made known to each of them before administering the oath; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim

Official Signature: James J Seevy Clerk
Jefferson Circuit Court

Here give the name and location of ALL the HOSPITALS in which you were treated, and the date and duration of your treatment therein, in the following manner:

I was treated in Tullahoma Hospital at Tullahoma
State of Tennessee, from the 20 day of June, 1864
to the 1 day of August, 1864 Also, Hospital
at Madison State of Indiana from the 1 of
August to the first of September 1864 then sent to the
Soldiers home at Indianapolis wher remained sum till
Discharged

Statement of Dr. John L. Row
Former Surgeon for 137th Indiana Infantry Volunteers
Filed 3 Aug 1869



This is to certify That Edward Roberts Co D 137 Reg Ind Vol, while Stationed at Gallatin Tenn, June 20th 1864. Received an attack of Sun Stroke, I found him in a comatose State, which lasted several hours, treated him in Camp for some days finding that he would not be able for duty soon, Sent him to Hospital at Gallatin. where I saw him often for about four weeks, when he was transfered to the Hospitals at Madison Ind,

John L Roe
Surg 137th Ind Vol,
Formerly.

State of Indiana }
Jefferson County } Subscribed & Sworn to before me undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County on this 3d day of August 1869 and I certify that the party whose name appears signed to the foregoing affidavit is the person he represents himself to be, a regular practicing physician, reputable in his profession, and a good and credible witness & that I have no interest in this matter.

Witness my hand & official Seal
James F Denny
Clerk

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Statement of Dr. John L. Row
Former Surgeon for 137th Indiana Infantry Volunteers
Filed 12 Jul 1870

This is to certify that on or about the first of June 1864 Edward Robertson a private in Co D 137 Reg. Ind. Vol. while on picket at Indianola La. was wounded by a musket shot through the first joint of the ring finger on the left hand, necessitating the removal of a portion of the bones of the finger. Anky-losis supervened and the finger is yet so powerful that a bandage is required when any use is made of the hand.

Sworn to Matthews
July 12. 1870

John L. Roe
Late Surg. 137 Reg. Ind. Vol.

State of Indiana }
Jefferson County } Personally appears before the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County the above named John L. Roe who being duly sworn saveth and saith the matters and things set forth in above certificate is true and that he has no interest whatever in the above application.

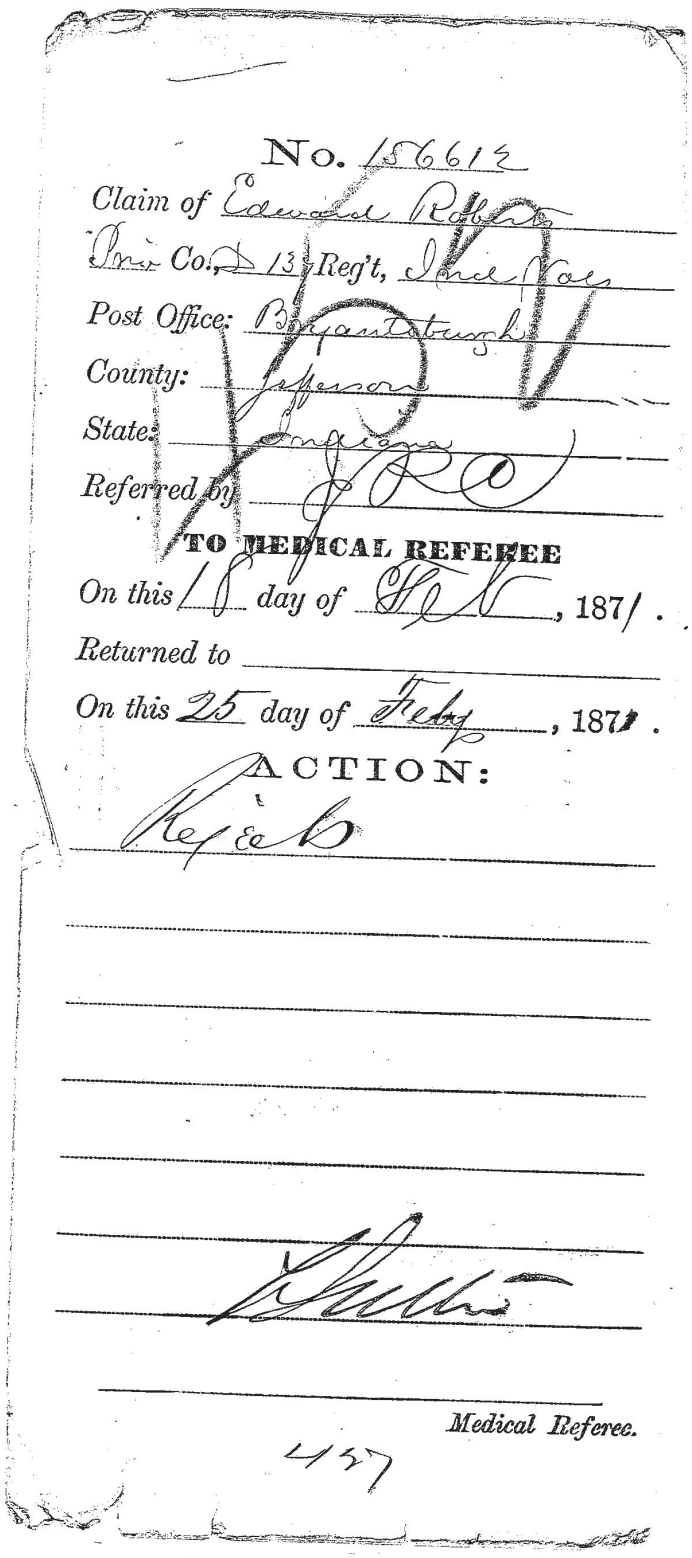
John L. Roe

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said Court at Madison this 14 Day of July 1870.

James I. Searcy Clerk

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Rejection of Initial Claim – 25 Feb 1871



No. 156612

Claim of Edward Roberts

Ind Co. D 13 Reg't, Ind Vols

Post Office: Bryantsburgh

County: Jefferson

State: Indiana

Referred by J R O

TO MEDICAL REFEREE

On this 18 day of Feb, 1871.

Returned to

On this 25 day of Feby, 1871.

ACTION:

Rejected

Medical Referee.

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Marriage License.

State of Indiana, Jefferson County, Sct.

THE STATE OF INDIANA TO ANY PERSON EMPOWERED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES IN SAID COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby duly authorized to join together as Husband and Wife

EDWARD ROBERTS *and* MARY J. MITCHELL

In Testimony Whereof, I, James J. Sering ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ *Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Madison, this* 11 *day of* December, A.D. 1873.

(Seal) James J. Sering, *Clerk.*
By J. C. Roberts, D. C.

State of Indiana, Jefferson County, Sct.

I, James W. Lanham, *a* Minister *in said County, do certify that on the* 17 *day of* December, 1873, *I joined together as Husband and Wife*

Edward Roberts *and* Mary J. Mitchell

Given under my hand, this 17 *day of* Dec. 1873.

Jas. W. Lanham

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State of Indiana, Jefferson County, ss:

I, Harry E. Nichols ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, and Custodian of the Marriage Records of said County, Do Hereby Certify, that the above and foregoing is a true, full and complete transcript from the Marriage Records of said County, of the Marriage License issued to

Edward Roberts and Mary J. Mitchell

and also of the Certificate of Marriage of said parties, and that the same now so stands of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the Seal of said Court, now in my office at the City of Madison, on this, the 25th day of February A. D. ~~XXXX~~ 1922.

Harry E. Nichols Clerk, J, C. C.

Disability Affidavit – Filed 16 Apr 1880 (2 pages)

DISABILITY AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Indiana }
COUNTY OF Jefferson. } SS.

In the Matter of the Original INVALID Pension Claim No.
of Edward Roberts Comp'y D, 137 Regt. Ind'a Vol's.

ON THIS 16th day of February A. D. 1880, personally appeared before me, a ..... in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, Edward Roberts aged ..... years, a resident of Bryantsburg in the County of Jefferson, and State of Indiana, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to his claim for pension as follows: My Post Office Address is.....
Bryantsburg, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[Give present address in full.]

For 38 years immediately preceding my enlistment into the service of the United States on the 2nd day of May, 1864, I resided in the following-named places: I was born in Switzerland County Indiana in the year 1839. My father removed to Jefferson County Indiana near Bryantsburg in 1841 which has been my residence ever since except what time I spent in the service of my Country
[Give all the places in which you resided during the period above stated prior to your enlistment.]
and my occupation was that of a Carpenter & Farmer

Since my discharge from said service on the 21st day of September, 1864, I have resided in Jefferson County Indiana near Bryantsburg
[Give the name of each place with date of any change of residence.]

and my occupation has been that of a Carpenter & Farmer

I further state that the disability for which I claim a pension arises from injury of Dorsonette and gunshot in left hand and Comp de soldier Sun stroke,
WHICH WAS CONTRACTED
[Here state the time, place, and all the circumstances under which the disability for which pension is claimed originated.]
which originated on or about June the 20th 1864 near Tallahoma Tennessee while on picket post duty by some unknown person

From my said discharge to the present time, I have received the following medical treatment for said disease
[Give the name and address of each physician employed, and the date when each commenced and ceased to treat you. If ..... this .....]
From Dr. J. R. Lewis now of Madison Indiana and Dr Jerry Roberts of Holton Indiana who were my family physicians before and since my discharge up to the present date

Since the origin of the disability for which pension is claimed, I have suffered with the following acute diseases:
Chronic inflamation of the right Knee joint together with Chronic hepatitis and prolapsus ano
[Mention all attacks of acute disease, the time when such attacks occurred, their character and violence.]

for which I was treated by Dr. J. R. Lewis of Madison Ind and Dr Jerry Roberts of Holton Ind
[Name and address and date of treatment.]

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who have treated me ever since my discharge up to the present date.

And during all of the said time my physical condition and ability to perform manual labor has been as follows:...
From date of discharge Sept 21st 1864 to July 1867 I was unable
[State whether you have performed any manual labor since your discharge, and if so, what kind, and whether at any time and for what period or periods, giving the dates as nearly as possible, you have been prevented from following your usual occupation.]
to perform any manual labor, from July 1867 to May 20th 1869
I was able to perform light labor, from May 20th 1869 to present
date I have been unable to perform any manual labor

I further state that the entire service rendered by me is as follows: Enlisted July 19th 1862
[Here claimant should state the dates of enlistment and
in Co C 76th Regiment Indiana Volunteers Captain
discharge of each term of service rendered by him whether in the army or navy, and the company and regiment, or name of vessels, in which he served.
Luther Donnell C/W was discharged the 20th of August 1862 & Enlisted
again the 1st of May 1864 in Co D 137th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Capt
James Sewell and discharged Sept. 21st 1864

and that I have not served in the Army or Navy either prior or subsequent thereto.

Thos S. McIntire
Horace C Woodfill
[Two witnesses who can write sign here.]

Edward Roberts
Claimant's Signature.

State of Indiana, County of Jefferson ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day, by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in the prosecution. The following interlineations and erasures were made before executing said affidavit: February erased &
"April" intulined

A. L. Shannon Clerk
Official Signature.
Jeff. Circuit Court
Ed W Mathews Dep

NOTE.—This affidavit must be executed before a JUDGE of a COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, or JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If before a JUSTICE or NOTARY PUBLIC, the seal of the COURT must add his certificate of Official character hereon, and not on a separate slip of paper.

I, ..., Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that ..... Esq., who hath signed his name to the foregoing affidavit was at the time of so doing .....
..... in and for said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

[L. S.]

Clerk of the .....

156,612

DISABILITY AFFIDAVIT.

No. ..... Claim of Edward Roberts
Late of Co. D, 137th Reg't Indiana Vol.
Reg't Brigade
Division
Original Invalid
No. 156,612

FILED BY
FRED. MATTHEW LARKE,
United States Army and
Navy Claim Attorney,
CINCINNATI, O.

Printed and sold by W. H. Moore, 511 11th st., Washington, C. D

Examining Surgeon's Certificate – Dr. J. T. Matthews
3 Mar 1881

1 **EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE** 1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 156,412

State: Indiana County: Jefferson

Post Office: Madison March 3d, 1881.

I hereby certify That I have carefully examined Edward Roberts, late a private Co. D, 137 Reg't, Ind. Vol. Infty in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from G.S.W. of l/f hand and Sun Stroke

Applicant's service.

Degree of disability. In My opinion the said Edward Roberts is (1/4) One Fourth incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before Me, it is My belief that the said disability did ——— originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Origin.

Probable duration. The disability is probably permanent

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description. Height, 5-5; weight, 131; complexion, Light; age, 45; pulse, 70; respiration, 25

Said Roberts Sustained a musket ball wound of the 4th finger left hand destroying entirely the Bones of the terminal phalanx. The Soft parts united in a fully position causing great deformity and disabling Claimant in My Opinion (1/4) one fourth in his ability from Sun Stroke

Disability (1/4) one fourth

J. T. Matthews

Examining Surgeon.

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Physician's Affidavit – Dr. James R. Lewis
3 Mar 1881

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—This affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions should be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

STATE OF Indiana
COUNTY OF Jefferson } ss.

In the Pension Claim No. 156,612 –

of Edward Roberts of Bryantsburg Indiana late of Comp. D 137th Regt. Indiana Vol. Infantry. –
Company and regiment or service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if in the navy.

Personally came before me a Clerk of Circuit Court in and for the aforesaid
(Official character of magistrate.)
County and State James R. Lewis a citizen of Madison
in the County of Jefferson and State of Indiana
well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a practising physician, and that he has been acquainted with said Soldier for about 25 years, and that previous to his entering the service he
(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)
was in good health. I have been his fathers family physician, up to the time he entered the service, with whom he lived.

In a day or two after he was discharged, in latter part of September 1864 he applied to me for treatment for inflamation of knee joint and from that time to present time he has frequently consulted me on account of chronic inflamation of the knee joint. The disease has afflicted him so that he is neither able to follow his trade, that of a Carpenter nor work on a farm and recently had to resign the office of Township Trustee, to which he had been elected, on account of not being able to get around the township to attend the business of that office

NOTES.
The Physician's Affidavit should show the following facts:
1st. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him; how intimately, and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition; whether as his family physician or as a neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been unsound he would have known it.
2d. If he treated claimant while in the service, either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition, as shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.
3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with a complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates, as near as possible, of the prescriptions.
4th. The extent to which claimant has been able to perform manual labor since discharge.

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Examining Surgeon's Certificate
Drs. Jeremiah Richardson, Charles H. Green, & James P. Cope
8 Jun 1882

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1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE 1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 136/12

State: Indiana County: Jennings

Post Office: North Vernon June 8th, 1882.

We hereby certify That We have carefully examined Edward Roberts late a Priv

Applicant's service. Co. D, 137 Regt, Ind Vols

in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from G S W of left Hand And Sun Stroke

Degree of disability. In Our opinion the said Edward Roberts is 3/4 Total incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before us it is Our belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Origin.

Probable duration. The disability is Permanent

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description. Height, 5 6 1/2; weight, 130; complexion, Sandy

age, 42; pulse, 80; respiration, 25

G S W. left hand & sunstroke; Last joint of third finger, left hand dislocated & anchylosed, badly scarred and part of the bone of last phalanx gone. Rated 1/4 Total

Sunstroke: presents appearance of cerebral concussion, has pains in head, and sometimes quick step in spite of efforts to prevent him. Rated 1/4 Total

Has chronic synovitis right Knee. Rated not Rated

It must be borne in mind that the duty of the Surgeon is to fix the proportionate degree of disability as 1/6, 1/5 total, &c., through the grades, *without any regard to dollars and cents*, and to make such a full particular description as will afford to this Office the ground for intelligent opinion and action in rating.

Jeremiah Richardson
Charles H Green
James P Cope Examining Surgeon.

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Affidavit of Edward Roberts – 14 Sep 1882 (2 pages)

State of Indiana
Jefferson County. } S.S.

Personaly appeared before me,
Edward Roberts, who being duly
sworn upon his oath says,
I Edward Roberts of Bryantsburg, Jefferson
Co. State of Ind. Late privat of Co D. 137 Regt Ind Vol,
Claimant for Invalid pension No 156.612
In regard to gun Shot wound in left hand
I was on picket post duty at a place called Tullahoma
in the state of Tennasee. My self and two other
Soldiers was with me one Joseph M Liddle and
a corporal whose name I have forgotten. the said
picket post was about a mile East of camp
near the woods. I was Standing Sentinel with
my face to the west bettween 8 and 9 Oclock in
the Evening. I heard a noise in my rear which
alarmed me and I whirled around and
as I whirled around I was shot in my
left hand. I thought I saw the glimpse of a
man but am not positive as it was getting
dark and I am unable to say it was my gun or
not. I was holding my gun by the barrel when shot
Joseph M Liddle one of the Soldiers who
was with me said it was my gun as it was
afterwards found to be discharged. and I
saw it was loaded when I was Standing
Sentinel. I am unable to furnish the

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Testimony of my Eye witnesses as I have ben unable to learn any thing of there where abuts and this is the best evidence I can furnish in regard to gun shot in left hand.
In Regard to sunstroke & results
I am unable to furnish any Evidene more than that all ready furnished of my Self and my Neighbors Thomas S. Mitchell and John M Wise. Except describing my Sufferings which I claime come from Sunstroke & results. I Suffer with Sever pains in my Spine & head and have ever since I was Sunstroke which renders me unable to perform manuel labor
The afore said gun Shot & Sunstroke happened in June 1864 I do not no Exact date and this is the best Evidence I can furnish

Edward Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September 1882 - Witness my hand and seal of the Jefferson Circuit Court of Jefferson County Indiana

William M Jackman
Clerk
per W. F. Matthews Dept.

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Deposition J – Dr. Jeremiah Roberts[16]
26 Dec 1884 (2 pages)

DEPOSITION J

Case of Edward Roberts, No. 156 612

On this 26 day of Dec, 1884, at Holton, County of Ripley State of Indiana, before me, J. H. McCoy, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Jeremiah Roberts, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: that his age 48 years, post office address Holton Ripley Co. Ind, and that his occupation is that of a physician,

Q, How long have you been practicing medicine?

A, I have been located by myself the last 15 years - I done some practice before that for some two or three years,

Q, What was the state of your Brothers Edward Roberts health when he enlisted in the U. S. Service in May 1864

A, As far as I know it had always been good - he had always been a stout healthy young man, I was a home with him for some years prior to his enlistment;

Q, What was the state of your brothers health when he returned from the Army in 1864?

A, My recollection is he was suffering from effects of chronic diarrhea - his ~~face~~ head showed that he had had trouble with that - his hair came out and left him bald - I do not know what caused his head trouble except what he told me - he said he had been sunstroke while in the Army, He was suffer-

Page 4 5 Dep. Exhibit J

ing some with his limbs, - his knee- & stiff. His right knee - I can't state what was the matter with his knee or knees. I never examined him.

Q, - Did you ever treat your brother Edward at anytime since service?

A, I think I may have - I have talked with him about the treatment other Drs was giving him - Dr. Lewis was treating him. I saw his leg I can't state the date - It could not have been many years after the war - it was badly swollen.

Q, Have you been as your could observe your ~~his~~ brother's physical condition continually since the service?

A. Very nearly so - I see him two or three times a year and sometimes oftener the last 15 yrs. prior to that I saw him frequently we were together.

Q, What has been his physical condition ever since the service?

A, He has been disabled in the last 15 years by reason of his knee and head at least two thirds of the time - prior to that I think his disability was some less, - there was a while after he came from the army that he did not do anything - I can't state how long.

Q, Have you any interest in the prosecution of this claim?

A, No.

Jeremiah Roberts
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of Dec. 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

James H. McRoy
Special Examiner.

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Deposition L – Dr. Samuel B. Lewis
26 Dec 1884 (3 pages)

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DEPOSITION L.

Case of Edward Robert, No. 156 612.

On this 27 day of Dec, 1884, at Canaan, County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, before me, J. H. C. McCoy, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared Samuel B. Lewis, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says: That his age 44 years, that his post office address is Canaan, Jefferson Co, Ind., and that his occupation is that of physician and surgeon;

Q, How long have you been engaged in the practice of medicine?

A, Since 1861.

Q, How long have you known Edward Robert the Pl'ff in this case?

A, I can't say positively - but on or about since 1860 or 61, prior to his enlistment any way.

Q, What was the state of Pl'ffs health prior to and at the time of his enlistment in the U. S. Service in May 1864?

A, I could not say as to May 1864, I was in the service then - I know him in 1862 & 1863 he was in good health then as far as I know.

Q, What opportunities had you to know the state of Pl'ffs health in 1862 & 1863?

A, I knew him as any other neighbor or citizen, I lived about 4 miles from him - saw him frequently. I never knew or heard but what his health was good - if his health had been bad I probably

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Page would have known it - I was not his family Physician or that of his Father's family at that time, - I never had an occasion to give him any treatment prior to his enlistment. There was a part of the time between 1864 and 1865 while I was away, but returned to the neighborhood at intervals.

Q, How soon after Mr returned from the service in Oct. 1864 did you see Mr?

A, Sometime during the winter of 1865 & 1866 is the first I can recollect of seeing him.

Q, What was the state of claimants physical condition when you first recollect of seeing him after his return from the service?

A, I think I have been treating him off and on at intervals since 1865 & 1866 - my memory is not given as to the exact time I did first prescribe for him - I have no book record by which to tell - He always paid for prescriptions when given and have no guide as to the date of my prescribing - but I recollect distinctly that Mr Roberts was crippled in the knee, in 1865 & 1866 - he claimed then that he had been injured while in the service by a bayonet - he has been crippled and lame ever since, I think the first treatment I gave him was in conjunction with my brother James R. Lewis now of Madison, and I have been his family physician since my brother James left the neighborhood - some five or more years ago. I don't think I was ever called to see him - that is to go to his house - he was always able to come here to the office - I prescribed liniments and usual treatment for chronic inflammation of knee joint. I never see him but what he is limping - I have passed by his place & residence when he was not able to be about on account of his knee. He was elected to the office of Township Trustee about five years ago - he resigned the office

on account of not being able to go about & that his health was poor. Has has I think complained to me about his head and he attributed that to a sunstroke received in the army. I can't say as much about the sunstroke, his Name Knee has always been uppermost in my mind.

Q. 7 Since the service, every year, what has been the degree of claimants disability with regard to performing manual labor?

A, From what I have seen of him - and have heard of him through his family and neighbors I would say that his disability one year with another all along since the war has been on an average fully one half taking into consideration all causes.

Q, Did you ever examine Mr knee as to whether there was a scar there or evidence that he had received a wound at some time or other?

A, Geo I have frequently examined his Knee - there is a scar, I can't now describe the scar or give its exact location.

Q, Have you any interest in the prosecution of this claim?

A, None whatever.

Samuel R Lewis Jr

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of Dec. 1884, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

James H. McCoy

Special Examiner.

Page 3-2 Deposition L

I have but seldom seen Roberts in last ten or twelve years and my memory is not good enough to carry further back.

I know he was Elected Trustee of Shelby Township this County, an office of sufficient salary to make a support for his family. This office he resigned alleging as a reason that he was not able on account of an diseased knee to attend to the duties of the office. His friends think it is on account of the fact that he has become melancholy or low spirited. Whether this was on account of Sem stroke or not I have not had opportunity of observing

Resp

J. R. Lewis M.D.

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Between Dec 1884 and Nov 1885, about 20 additional depositions were taken of Edward, brother Jeremiah[16] (as his physician), other physicians, and family friends in an effort to establish the validity of Edward's claim of disability resulting from the gunshot wound and sunstroke. These are not included her for brevity, but scanned images can be found in Edward's Civil War Pension folder.

Original Invalid Claim – Approval
11 Jan 1886

316.335 Indianapolis

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ORIGINAL INVALID CLAIM.

Soldier, Edward Roberts

P. O., Bryantsburgh

County, Jefferson ✓

State, Ind.

Rank, Private

Company, D ✓

Regiment, 137 Ind. Vols.

Rates, $ 2. per month, commencing Sept. 22. 1864 ✓ ✓

Pensioned for Nervous prostration result of Sun Stroke

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, F. M. Rabey

P. O., Nat. Mil. Home - Dayton Ohio

Fee $ 10, Agent ——— to pay.

Articles filed ———, 18

APPROVALS:

Submitted for admission Nov. 28", 1885; O. N. Brown, Spec Examiner.

Disabled by ~~G.S.W. left hand~~, Sunstroke & results. E&B.

N.H.B.

Approved for Results of Sunstroke. in G.S.W. left hand fm bayonet wound of knee, rejected. There is no record of G.S.W. & no satisfactory evidence of incurrence in line of duty, & after all reps. examinations, clt. is unable to establish same. The statements as to how received are contradictory. There is no evidence showing incurrence of wounds of knee in military service.

Jan. 2, 1886 T. T. Gotherd, Legal Reviewer.

Approved for Nervous prostration the result of sunstroke

J H

John Crawford

Medical Referee

1-11-, 1886 R. J. Nevitt, Medical Reviewer.

Increase Invalid Pension – Approval
18 May 1886

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3/6.2 Indpls.

Increase **INVALID PENSION.**

Claimant, Edward Roberts
P. O., Bryantsburg
County, Jefferson
State, Ind
Attorney, Joseph P Wills Madison Ind Fee, $ Atty
Rank, Pvt
Company, D
Regiment, 18 Ind vols
Rate, $ 4 per month, commencing April 7, 1886

Disabled by Nervous prostration result of sunstroke
Submitted May 12, 1886, by J Beall, Examiner.

Approved for Nervous prostration the result of sunstroke.
Case not reopened as to wds.
Expected Jany 1/86.
May 14, 1886. Denton Reviewer.

Approved for Nervous Prostration, result of Sun-Stroke 1/2 from April 7th 1886
T J Dabney med Off
May 18, 1886.
J Swearingen Med. Referee.

Discharged Sept-21, 18 64
Original application filed May 27, 18 70
Increase application filed March 16, 1886.

Certificate surrendered , 18 .
Last paid at $ 2, to , 18 .

Pensioned Jan 14, 186; from Sept-21, 18 64 at $ 2 per month
for Alvs

Claims Same also L of N of Third finger left-hand
Ry Art-rated

Increase of Invalid Pension
Filed 13 Feb 1888

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INVALID PENSION.

REISSUE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DISABILITY.

3 16335 Ind Vols.

Claimant, Edward Roberts

P. O., Boyantsburg,

County, Jefferson

State, Ind

Rank Pvt,

Company D.

Regiment, 137th Inf Vol Infy.

Rate, $ 8 per month, commencing February 13/888 -

and $ 12 from April 18/888 -

On Cert of Ck dated May 24/88 & sub issue Ord Sept 29/88

Pensioned for Nervous prostration & disease of heart result of sunstroke & loss of teeth & Disease of gums results of Scurvy

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY. Less $10 paid on form 1434

Name, Maring & Slusher

P. O., Columbus Ind.

Fee, $ 25- ; Agent ..... to pay.

Articles filed Feby 13th, 1888.

APPROVALS.

Approved for Nervous prostration disease of heart result of sunstroke scurvy results

Submitted Act June 22nd, 1889; Freeman R.C. Ruling 97, Examiner.

Approved for Nervous prostration and Disease of heart results of Sunstroke (Cold) & for Scurvy. (new) pension to Com Dec 3. 1888.

Ruling 97

Approved for Nervous prostration & Disease of heart results of Sunstroke (Cold) No increase. For loss of teeth & disease of gums results of Scurvy 4/18 G.E.

G.E. Hoot M.E.

Sept 19, 1889; Sept. 25. 1889. N.F. Graves, Legal Reviewer. Oct 1, 1889. Medical Reviewer.

HISTORY OF CLAIMS AND FORMER ACTION.

Discharged Aug 20th 1862 Sept 21st, 1864. Last paid to ....., at $ ....

Pensioned from ....., 18 , at $ 2- , for nervous prostration result of sunstroke, Inc to $4 from Apr 7th 1886. Inc to $8 for above disability resulting disease of heart,

Original declaration filed May 27th, 1870; alleged sunstroke and gunshot wound of left hand,

Declaration filed Mar 16th, 1886; alleged increase on nervous prostration result of sunstroke, & gunshot wound of third finger left hand,

Arrears allowed from ....., 18 , to ....., 18 , at $ .....

Claimant resides, Mt. C.

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed Feby 13th, 1888. Claims increase on nervous prostration result of sunstroke, Also for chronic diarrhoea resulting in piles, scurvy & gunshot wound of 3d finger left hand, Claim is submitted for Edmission on scurvy results,

General Affidavit – Filed 25 Jul 1892

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, WHO HAS A SEAL. If sworn to before a Justice of the Peace without seal, the CLERK OF COURT MUST ATTACH HIS CERTIFICATE, showing the official capacity of such Justice of the Peace, and that his signature is genuine.

State of Indiana County of Jefferson ss:

In the matter of Pension Claim, No. the Original Cert No 216334 of Edward Roberts

late of company D 137th Regiment of Indiana Vols.

On this 25th day of July 1892, before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Edward Roberts aged 53 years, whose post-office address is Bryantsburg County of Jefferson State of Indiana well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, upon oath declares, that he is the identical Edward Roberts who served in the above Co & Regiment and further he is now drawing Pension at the Rate of twelve Dollars per Month under Certificate No 216334 and further that on the 22nd day of July 1892 he made application for Original Pension and that Joseph D Wills was by me appointed My attorney in said application Which Claim is now Pending and further Morning & Hughes has no connection with the Claim and should not be recognized as such and that the address of my said atty Joseph D Wills is Madison Indiana

~~and they have no interest or concern in this matter.~~

Two witnesses required when mark is made.

Attest by two witnesses, who can write.

Edward H Roberts
Affiant's Signature.

Affiant's Signature.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of July 1892 and I certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were duly read and fully made known to affiants before making oath to the same, and that I have no interest in this matter.

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Official Signature John W Brown
Notary Public

Response to Questions from Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions
Filed 1 Oct 1898

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West Div.

N.C. & St. L. No. 316,335.

Edward Roberts,

Co. "D", 137 Reg't Ind. Inf.

M.E.H., Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23, 1898.

SIR:

Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Davenport
Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Edward Roberts,
Bryantsburg,
Indiana

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.
Answer: yes Mary J. Mitchell

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: Dec 17" 1873 at Residence of J. S. & M. A. Mitchell in Jefferson Co Ind. by F. W. Lanham

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: at the clerks office in Madison Jefferson Co Ind

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: No

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer: No

Date of reply, Oct 1", 1898

Edward Roberts
(Signature.)

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Increase Invalid Pension – Filed 5 Jul 1890

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INVALID PENSION.

Increase

~~REISSUE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DISABILITY.~~

Pensioner, Edward Roberts. C. F. 346.316.335

P. O., Bryantsburg

County, Jefferson,

State, Indiana.

Rank, Private

Company, "D"

Regiment, 137 Indiana Vol. Inf.

Rate, $ 14.— per month, commencing October 12. 1898.

Pensioned for Nervous prostration & disease of heart results of sunstroke & loss of teeth & disease of gums results of scurvy.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, ~~John M. Lesner~~ Joseph P. Wade Accused

P. O., Madison, Ind.

Fee, $ 10; Agent to pay.

Articles filed ....., 18....

APPROVALS.

Approved for pensioned cause also spl Ex. for chr. diarrhoea & Lee Slip. Reviewer.

Submitted May 15 1900. Wm. G. Hortas, Examiner.

Re-submitted for consideration Nov 27 1900.

Approved for Nervous prostration and disease of heart, results of sunstroke and loss of teeth and disease of gums results of scurvy. Increase pending. Disease of spine, eyes, impaired hearing alleged as results of sunstroke, refused 6 Mch. Rej.

Report claim for chronic diarrhoea & results: no record & claimant is entitled thereto if found by special examination, & if chronic medical & other satisfactory evidence showing existence of said disability in service & or duly discharged

A. L. Craig, Chief S. 2. Div.

Approved for Nervous prostration and disease of heart, results of sunstroke, and loss of teeth and disease of gums, results of scurvy, 4/18 from October 12, 1898. No prior increase. Disease of spine and impaired hearing not shown. Disease of eyes not accepted as a result.

Nov 27 1900 Legal Reviewer.

Re-Reviewer.

Dec 3 1900

Warsaw, Med. Ex'r. Med. Reviewer.

Dec. 8, 1900, Med. Referee.

HISTORY OF CLAIMS AND FORMER ACTION.

Enlisted May 1 1864.

Discharged Sept. 21, 1864. Last paid to ....., at $ 12.

Pensioned from Sept 22, 1864, at $ 2, for nervous prostration result of sunstroke

Original declaration filed ....., 18....; alleged .....

Declaration filed ....., 18....; alleged .....

Arrears allowed from ....., 18....., to ....., 18....., at $ .....

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed July 5 1890 alleges Due pensioned cause & res. vertigo dis. of spine dec. extra & hearing, dis. of heart and eyes, also wants to complete claim for chronic diarrhoea now rec. files also eyes and loss of left hand. Wd alleged in original declaration filed May 27, 1890. Chronic diarrhoea res. files and declaration filed Feb 13 1895 at same time alleged wound of third finger of left hand, Disaff. filed Sept. 23, 1892, states circumstances of first injury & loss of use of left hand of which he complains & eyewitnesses. Claim rejected.

Between 13 Oct 1900 and 12 Nov 1900, nine depositions and questionnaires were completed by Edward and other family friends in support of Edward's claim.

Declaration for Service Pension Increase
Under the Act of February 6, 1907
Filed 7 Jul 1911

Declaration for Service Pension. (INCREASE.)

Under the Act of February 6, 1907.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, } ss.

ON THIS 7th day of July, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and 11 personally appeared before me, duly authorized to administer oaths, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Edward Roberts, a resident of R. R. #9, Madison, Ind., who, being duly sworn according to law, declares he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Indianapolis Pension Agency at the rate of 14 dollars per month, Certificate No. 316 335

That he was in Co. D, 137th Regt. Indiana Vol. Inf.

That he served at least 90 days in the War of the Rebellion and was honorably discharged therefrom; that he is 71 ~~70~~ years of age, having been born on the 7 August 1839 and believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension under the act of February 6, 1907;

That his post office address is R. R. #9, Madison, Indiana,

1 _____

2 _____
(Two witnesses who write sign here.)

X Edward Roberts
(Signature of claimant.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, A. D. 1911, and I do hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing; and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

My commission expires Jan. 1, 1914

Emerson Lemon
(Official signature.)

Notary Public
(Official character.)

Validity accepted
as to execution
S. A. Cuddy,
Chief, Law Division.
per [illegible]

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Magistrate's Certificate from Family Bible – 24 Jul 1911

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6,1907.

MAGISTRATE'S CERTIFICATE FROM FAMILY BIBLE.

Cert.# 316,335,
Edward Roberts,
D,137 Ind.Inf.Vols.
Age Law.

State of Indiana,)
) SS:
Jefferson County,)

I, Harry Lemen, a Notary Public in and for said Jefferson county, State of Indiana ,do hereby make and certify that this 24th day of July,1911 Edward Roberts, the above named soldier, has brought into my presence a family BIBLE in whichthe date of publication is 1869.In said Bible on one of the sheets of the Birth's Record is the following entry: " Edward Roberts born August 7th,1839 " and the above entry bears no marks of alteration,erasure or correction and from the appearance of the writing and the color of the ink ,I believe the entry to have been made near the same year the book was printed.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal this 24th day of July,1911.

My commission expires June 26,1913.

Harry Lemen.
Notary Public.

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Reissue Approval
Act of February 6, 1907
4 Aug 1911

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Original No. _____

Certificate No. 316,335

316335 Indpls. Reissue

ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Claimant, Edward Roberts

P. O. RR #9 Madison | Rank, Private

County, Jefferson | Company, D,

State, Indiana | Regiment, 137 Ind. Vol. Inf.

Rate, $ 15 per month, commencing July 10. 1911.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, no

P. O., _____

CIVIL WAR

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Aug. 2, 1911, Albert H. VanDeusen, Examiner.

Approved for Admission,

Age over 70.

Rate $15 per month.

Reissue to allow under Act Feby. 6. 1907. Ordered subpayments, and drop name from roll under the general law.

Aug. 3, 1911, W. H. Hamburger, Legal Reviewer. Aug 4, 1911, H. A. Pearl, Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted July 19, 1861 honorably discharged Aug. 20, 1861

Enlisted May 1, 1864 honorably discharged Sept. 21, 1864

Enlisted _____, 18 ; honorably discharged _____, 18

Pensioned at $ 14 per month, under general law

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

Declaration filed July 10, 1911.

Date of birth alleged, Aug. 7, 1839

Age shown by evidence 71 years.

Claimant does write.

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_____, M. C.

Declaration for Pension Increase
Under the Act of May 11, 1912
Filed 3 Jun 1912

(INCREASE.)

DECLARATION FOR PENSION,

Under the Act of May 11, 1912.

STATE OF INDIANA,
Jefferson County, } SS:

ON THIS 3rd. day of June, 1912

personally appeared before me, duly authorized to administer oaths, within and for the County and State aforesaid,

Edward Roberts

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares he is a pensioner of the United States, enrolled at the Indianapolis Pension Agency at the rate of 15 dollars per month, Certificate No. 316,335

That he was honorably discharged after serving more than ..... days years in the War of the Rebellion,

and that he served in Co. D, 137th Regt. Indiana Vol. Inf., May 1 to Sept. 21, 1864 and Pvt. Co. C, 76th Regt. Ind. Vol. Inf., July 19 to Aug. 20, 1862; That he never otherwise served in U.S. Navy or Army.

That he is over 70 years of age, having been born Aug. 7, 1839

and believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension under the Act of May 11, 1912;

PENSION OFFICE U. S. JUN 5 1912

That his post office address is R. F. D. #9, Madison, Indiana.

1 .....

2 .....

x Edward Roberts

Validity accepted as to execution S. A. Cuddy Chief, Law Division per ALP

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd. day of June, 1912

and I do hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, and that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

My commission expires Jan. 1, 1914

PENSION OFFICE U. S. JUN 5 1912

Emerson Lowen
Notary Public.

Reissue – Act of May 11, 1912
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Reissue

ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Cert. No. 216335

As amended by act of March 4, 1913

Claimant, Edward Roberts

P. O., R. D. No 9, Madison

County, Jefferson

State, Indiana

Rank, Private

Service, Co. D

137 Ind. Inf.

Rate, $ 18 per month, commencing June 5, 1912

& $21 commencing August 7, 1914.

Approved for Increase
$30 from June 10, 1912
from
to
Act of June 10, 1912
Exr.
Rev.

JUN 20 1913

ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name,

P. O.,

Fee, $

Articles filed , 19

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Pension, Feb 12, 1913, J. S. Allison, Examiner.

Approved for Admission Rate $ 18 per month; age 72 years.

Reissue from act of January 6, 1907

Date of birth August 7, 1839

Length of pensionable service: 0 years, 5 months, 23 days.

Deductions in service from any cause: None years, months, days,

on account of

Mar 24, 1913, W. A. Rosser, Legal Reviewer. McK W, 1913, John T. Keenan, Re-Reviewer.

Enlisted July 19, 1862; honorably discharged August 20, 1862

Enlisted May 1, 1864; honorably discharged Sept. 21, 1864

Enlisted , 18 ; honorably discharged , 18

Length of pensionable service: — years, 5 months, 23 days.

Pensioned at $ 15.00 per month, under Act Feb 6, 1907,

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed June 5, 1912

Age shown by evidence 72 years; date of birth alleged August 7, 1839

Claimant does — write.

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Response to Questions from Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions
Filed 2 Apr 1915

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 2, 1915.*

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G M Lochgabey
Commissioner.

EDWARD ROBERTS
MADISON IND
316335 ACT MAY
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PENSION OFFICE APR 3 1915 U. S.

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No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer.* Born august 7th 1839 in Switzerland County Ind

The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer.* Co E. 76th Reg Ind Vols Infantry and Co D. 137th Reg Ind Vols Infantry

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer.* Bryantsburgh Jefferson Co Ind

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer.* Mary Jane Roberts Nee Mary Jane Mitchell

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer.* Married December 17th 1873 at Thomas S Mitchells Residence in Jefferson Co Ind by Elder James W Lanham of Monvill Ind

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?

If so, where? *Answer.* at Court House Madison Jefferson Co Ind

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. *Answer.* I

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Was married only the once

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. *Answer.* My Wife Never Was Married only to Me

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? *Answer.* We are living together and have lived a Ever Since we were Married

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. *Answer.* We Never had any Children

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Date April 2nd 1915 (Signature) Edward Roberts

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Stop Payment Report – Pensioner
Filed 11 Mar 1922

EDWARD ROBERTS
MADISON IND
316335 REPORT—PENSIONER ACT MAY
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEAD BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Cert. No. 316335
Pensioner Edward Roberts
Soldier "
Service D 137 Ind. Inf.
Class May Group 2

LAW DIVISION

FEB 27 1922, 192

In the above-described case a declaration filed in this Division indicates that said pensioner died February 15, 1922

Per W & S

H. P. WILLEY,
Chief, Law Division.

DISBURSING DIVISION

50 2/4/22 MAR 10 1922, 192

Check No. NO CHECK TO BE CANCELED $

dated , Section

returned by postmaster with information that the above-described pensioner died

19, has been canceled.

Per M. S. G.

E. E. MILLER,
Disbursing Clerk.

FINANCE DIVISION

MAR 11 1922, 192

The name of the above-described pensioner who was last paid at the rate of $50 per month to FEB 4 1922, 19, has this day been dropped from the roll because of death Feb. 15 1922

J. J. Kendall

Chief, Finance Division.

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Widow's Declaration for Pension
Act of April 19, 1908, as amended
Filed 21 Feb 1922

Act of April 19, 1908, as amended

Widow's Declaration for Pension.

and World War Statement.

State of Indiana, County of Jefferson, ss:

ON THIS 21st day of February, 1922

personally appeared before me, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Roberts, aged 75 years, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Act of April 19, 1908, as amended granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of Edward Roberts, who served in Co. Private Co. D, 137th Regt. Ind. Inf. Vols., in U. S. service and served over 90 days in the Civil War and was honorably discharged therefrom and who died on the 15th day of February, 1922; that she was married under the name of Mary Mitchell to said Edward Roberts prior to June 27, 1890, to-wit: on the December 17, 1873, in Jefferson County, State of Indiana, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that she had not been previously married; that her husband had not been previously marrried

That no member of her family served in the army, navy or marine service of the U.S. in the World war beginning April 6, 1917.

That she has to present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving who are under sixteen years of age at present time, viz: None. None

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LAW DEPARTMENT

that she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care and maintenance; that she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; that no prior application has been filed by her. Soldier was pensioned by certificate No. 316,335; and she hereby applies for ACCRUED PENSION due soldier at date of death; that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation EMERSON LEMEN, of Madison, Indiana, her attorney, to prosecute the above claim; that her residence and her Post Office address is R.F.D.#9, Madison, Indiana

1 Jessie L. Lemen
R.R.(9, Madison, Ind.

2 Daniel K. Mitchell
R.R.9, Madison, Ind.
(Two witnesses sign here.)

x Mary Roberts
(Signature of Claimant.)

PENSION OFFICE U.S. FEB 24 1922

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of February, 1922, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant in the presence of the witnesses, before swearing; that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Harry Lemen
Notary Public.

My commission expires ~~June 27, 1917.~~ January 9, 1926.

Declaration accepted as a widow's claim under Act of May 1, 1920. Power of attorney valid as to execution.
Per

Widow's Pension
Act of May 1, 1920
30 Jun 1922

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No. 1185373

ACT OF MAY 1, 1920.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Mary Roberts
P. O. R.R. #9
Madison
County Jefferson, State Indiana

Soldier / Sailor Edward Roberts
Service Private (Rank.) D137 (Co.) 9th
Indiana Inf (Regiment—Ship.)

Rate, $ 30 per month, commencing February 24, 1922

and $..... per month ..... additional for each child, as follows:

All pension to terminate ....., 1....., date of .....

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....
	Born ....., ...	Sixteen ....., ...	Commencing .....

JUL 26 1928

INCREASED TO $40 PER MONTH FROM JUNE 4, 1928 - ACT MAY 25, 1928

WIDOW

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name Emerson Lemen
P. O. Madison, Indiana

Fee, $ 10.00

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm. June 27, 19 22; J.W. Winner, Examiner.

Approved for Admission under Act May 1, 1920

J.D.

June 29, 1922 G.L. Clayton, Reviewer. | June 30, 1922 A.B. Casselman, Reviewer.

The soldier was ..... pensioned at $ 50.00 per month under Act May 1-1920

Enlisted	July 19, 1861	Clt's app'n under other laws	✓, 1✓
Discharged	July 20, 1864	Former marriage of soldier	✓, 1✓
Reenlisted	May 1-, 1864	Death / Divorce of former wife	✓, 1✓
Discharged	September 21, 1864	Former marriage of claimant	✓, 1✓
Invalid claim filed	May 27, 1870	Death / Divorce of former husband	✓, 1✓
Died	February 15, 1900	Clt's marriage to soldier	Dec. 17, 1873
Widow's claim filed	February 24, 1922	Clt Not remarried or divorced	1
Claimant does — write.	6—2240	No, M. C.	

Stop Payment Notice – Widow Subdivision
18 Dec 1935

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Adjudication Form 521
Rev. Oct. 1934

STOP PAYMENT NOTICE

File No. WC-915 851

Civil War

Date December 18, 1935

MBAB-g

FROM: Widow Subdivision, Widows and Dependents Claims Service
(Designate Division of Central Office or Regional Office preparing form)

To: Dependents Accounts Subdivision, Finance Service, Room 520
(Indicate Division in Finance Service of Central Office or Accountant Regional Office)

SUBJECT: Stop payment on death pension $40.00
(Designate kind of award, whether Term, Converted, or Automatic Insurance, Pension, Compensation, or Adjusted Compensation)

1. Full name of payee Mary Roberts
2. Effective date of action August 2, 1935
3. Reason for action Death of payee August 2, 1935 (Abstract required)
4. Name of veteran Edward Roberts

Submitted by _____ (Signature and title)

Approved by E. K. Littleton (Signature and title) Adjudicator

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Appendix 17.2

Listing of West Fork Baptist Church Records
Pertaining to Edward Roberts[17]

Dates of church meetings are generally recorded in the minutes as, for example, "3rd Sat in May 1854." Dates shown are actual calendar dates.

Source: "Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

- 16 Oct 1858. Preached the sermon.
- 19 May 1861. Individuals received by experience and baptized. Elizabeth Catherine Nichales, Sarah Custer, Hannah Custer, Mary Elizabeth Smitha, Sarah Jane Smitha, Alexander W. Smitha, David Shephard, Hester Ann Shephard, Maranda Roberts[15], Henry Roberts[18], Mary Etta Christie, Milly Jane Hicks, Leah Margaret Hicks, Edward Roberts, Malinda Miner.
- Undated. List of members united with the church since May 1862. Based on its location in the church records, list appears to have been made about Mar 1864 and updated from time to time.
- 22 Sep 1867. Conducted Sunday services with T. D. George.
- 9 Nov 1867. Church meeting in which he is identified as a "Minister in attendance" as an Elder with Elder Thomas Hill and "our Father T. D. George."
- 18 Jul 1868. Motion made to prefer a charge against Edward for fiddling and dancing. Bros. Horton and Reynerson appointed as committee to visit with him and report at next meeting. At the 15 Aug 1868 meeting, Committee had failed to meet with him so case was deferred to next month.
- 19 Sep 1868. Committee reported that Edward acknowledged the charges but would not give satisfactory evidence he was sorry for the act. Committee discharged. New committee composed of James Custer and James I. McCarty appointed to see Edward and report at next meeting.
- 17 Oct 1868. Committee was not present, so the case was laid over until the next meeting.
- 21 Nov 1868. Committee reported that they could not get a satisfactory answer from Edward, so motion was made to exclude him from the church.

18. HENRY S. (b. 17 May 1842, d. 25 Jul 1925)

Birth: 17 May 1842 in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: 9 Nov 1902 to Anna Kennard in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana (b. 12 Oct 1840 in Kent, England; d. 20 May 1922 in Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas). No children.

Death: 25 Jul 1925 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.



Henry S. Roberts
From a photo album believed to have belonged to Henry's brother, Jeremiah. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

Henry was the eight child of John S.[4] and Jane Salyers Roberts. According to his death certificate and obituaries, he was born 17 May 1842 in Jefferson County, Indiana. Prior to Henry's birth, the Roberts family was living in Switzerland County, Indiana. The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that Henry's father was engaged in agriculture.[1,2,3]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Henry's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, his parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[4,5,6]

About May 1847, Henry's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. Henry is found living in the family home in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana for the 1850 and 1860 census. Neither census indicates he attended school during the past year, so we do not know the extent of his education. Much of his youth was likely spent helping his father on the family farm and, like many of our Roberts

[1] See Figure 18.13. Henry Roberts[18] Death Certificate.
[2] See Figure 18.15. Henry S. Roberts[18] Obituaries.
[3] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[4] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[5] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[6] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.

ancestors, Henry became a member of WFBC on 19 May 1861, along with his siblings, Maranda[15] and Edward[17]. His obituary notes that he later moved his membership to the Christian church in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana; however, no date for this move is given.[7,8,9,10]

By Jun 1863, Henry had migrated to Point Pleasant Township, Warren County, Illinois, where he is identified on the registration of draft-eligible men in that Township. I have not found any record that may explain why he moved to Illinois. His sister, Sarah[13], and her husband, William Rafe Rayburn, had moved to Ellison Township in Warren County about 1855 where William purchased a tax title to 160 acres of unbroken land in section 36 of Ellison Township. Point Pleasant and Ellison Townships are adjacent Townships in Warren County and Henry may have moved there to work on the Rayburn farm. His former church, West Fork Baptist, granted him a letter of dismission on 19 Dec 1863.[11,12,13,14]

Henry does not appear to have served in the Civil War. He remained in Warren County through at least 1893 – first in Lenox Township of Warren County, where he is living on the Jacob Miller farm working as a farm laborer, and later working on the Thomas Murdock farm in Lenox Township. The 1880 census also shows Henry as married; however, no spouse is listed with him nor have I found a marriage record or newspaper notice of his marriage in, or in a county adjacent to, Warren County, or back home in Indiana, between 1870 and 1880.[15,16]

On 15 Oct 1893, a family reunion with most of Henry's living siblings was held at the home of Henry's brother, Jeremiah[16], in Holton, Indiana. In addition to Henry, the attendees included Sarah[13]; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; and Ella Jane[20]. Charles[12] was unable to attend.[17]

By 1900, Henry had returned to Indiana where he is found living with his brother, Jeremiah[16], and niece, Stella, on Versailles Street in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana. His occupation is listed as a farm hand.[18]

On 9 Nov 1902, at the age of 60 years, Henry married Anna (Kennard) Kemp in her home in Holton, Indiana. Anna's maiden name, Kennard, is verified by her death certificate identifying her

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[7] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[8] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[9] See Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[10] See Figure 15.2. Excerpt from West Fork Baptist Church – Maranda[15], Edward[17] and Henry S.[18] Roberts Received into Membership.
[11] See Figure 12.4. 1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana. Under Remarks, it notes that Henry is "absent in Warren Cty, Ill."
[12] See Figure 14.4. 1863 Civil War Draft Registration – Warren County, Illinois.
[13] See Figure 13.4. Biographical Sketch – William Rafe Rayburn.
[14] Figure 18.1. West Fork Baptist Church – Henry Roberts[18] Dismissal.
[15] Figure 18.2. 1870 United States Federal Census – Lenox Township, Warren County, Illinois.
[16] Figure 18.3. 1880 United States Federal Census – Lenox Township, Warren County, Illinois.
[17] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).
[18] See Figure 16.7. 1900 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.

father as Edward Kennard and her birthplace as Kent, England. Anna's husband, Robert Kemp, had passed away less than nine months earlier in Feb 1902.[19,20,21,22]



Anna Kemp Roberts
From *Find a Grave* (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16983120/annie-roberts : accessed 28 May 2021).

Seven years into their marriage, Henry filed for divorce on 3 Nov 1909 in the Ripley County Circuit Court alleging that in May 1905, Anna "without cause, wholly abandoned [him] and has lived apart from him against his wish and without his consent" since that time. He further alleged that as of the date of filing, Anna was living at R.F.D. 5, Oberlin, Kansas. Because Anna had left the state, six "Notices to Non-Residents" were published between 24 Nov 1909 and 5 Jan 1910 to give Anna legal notice that Henry had filed for divorce and that the case would be heard in Feb 1910. The case came before the Court on 11 Feb 1910. Anna was called three times in open court, but did not appear, and a default judgement was entered for Henry granting his divorce.[23,24,25]

In 1906, Henry's bother, Charles[12], passed away in Osceola, Nebraska. Henry was the only sibling who attempted to make the approximately 780 mile trek from Holton, Indiana to attend the funeral; however, he arrived a day late and missed his brother's services. The 1910 and 1920 census shows Henry renting a house in Otter Creek Township, Ripley County. The 1910 census lists his occupation as a laborer in a warehouse while the 1920 census lists his occupation as a laborer.[26,27,28]

Henry passed away 25 Jul 1925 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana of "old age." His sister, Ella Jane Kennedy[20] was the informant on his death certificate. Burial was 26 Jul 1925 at the Holton Cemetery. It appears Henry died intestate as neither the Ripley County Clerk's Office nor the Ripley County Historical Society have records of a will or probate for him.[29,30,31]

It seems Henry's life was one of many struggles and hardships. He toiled in manual farm labor for most of his life. While he appears to have owned some property in Holton, he does not seem to have had much in the way of possessions. His late-in-life marriage to Anna was brief. The available evidence suggests he never lived on his own until his marriage, and never remarried after his

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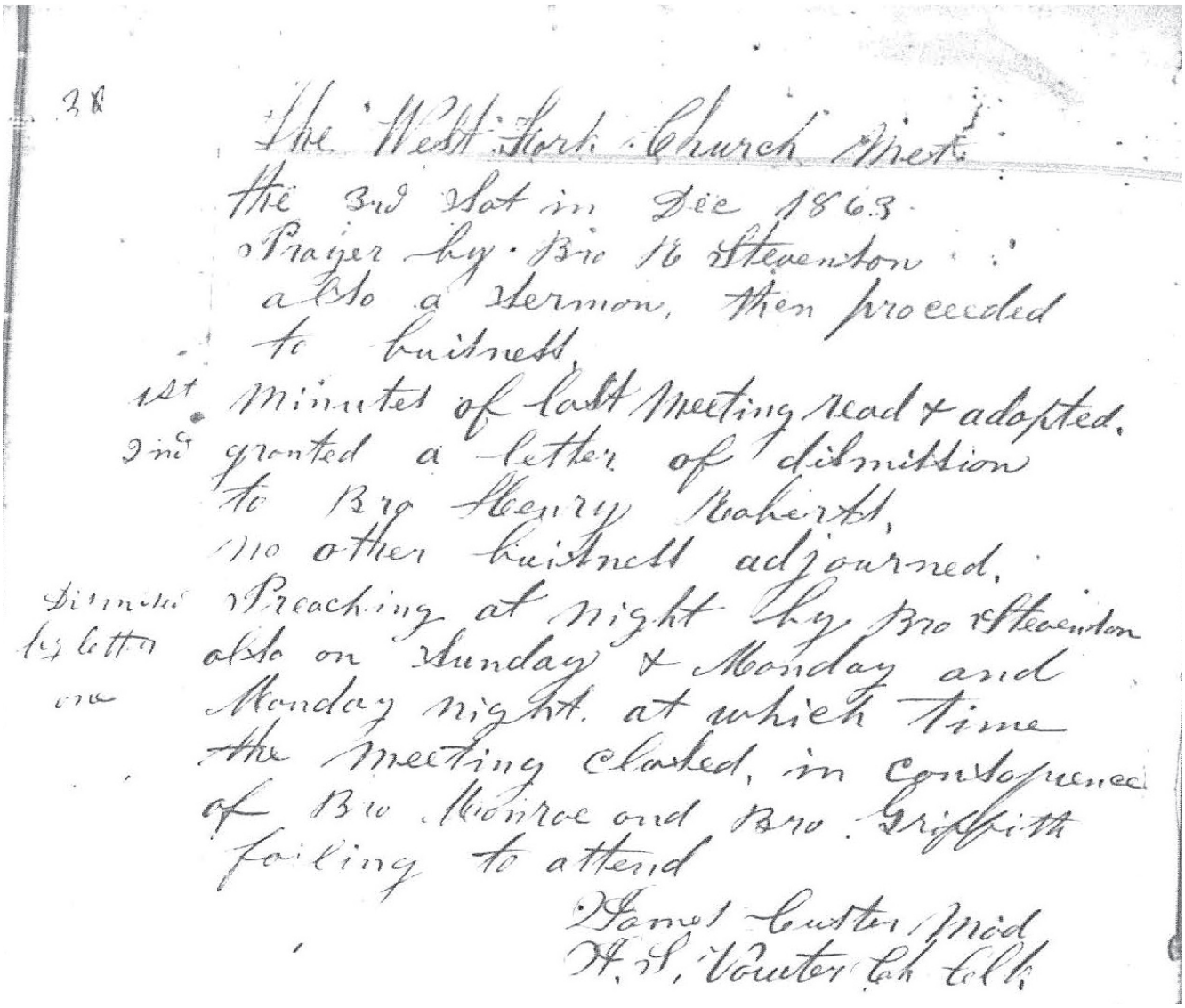
[19] Figure 18.4. Henry Roberts[18] and Anna Kemp Marriage Record.
[20] Figure 18.5. Anna Kemp-Henry Roberts[18] Wedding Announcement.
[21] Figure 18.6. Anna Roberts Death Certificate.
[22] Figure 18.7. Robert Kemp Death Certificate.
[23] Figure 18.8. Henry Roberts[18] Complaint for Divorce.
[24] Figure 18.9. Newspaper Clipping – Notice to Non-Residents.
[25] Figure 18.10. Court Order Granting Divorce.
[26] See Figure 12.14. Charles Roberts[12] Obituary (*Osceola (NE) Record*, 24 May 1906, pg. 5).
[27] Figure 18.11. 1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[28] Figure 18.12. 1920 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[29] Figure 18.13. Henry Roberts[18] Death Certificate.
[30] Figure 18.14. Henry Roberts[18] Headstone.
[31] 27 Jan 2020 email from Cheryl Welch, Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, Indiana. 26 May 2021 email from Tammy Wiley, Ripley County Clerk's Office, Versailles, Indiana.

divorce. He left farm labor in his late-60s to begin working in a warehouse – an occupation he held until his death. Despite these hardships, "Uncle Henry," as he was known, "was a friend to all and respected by all who knew him." He "was patient and kind during his [final] sickness and often expressed his desire to go home."[32]

[32] Figure 18.15. Henry S. Roberts[18] Obituaries.

Figure 18.1

West Fork Baptist Church – Henry Roberts[18] Dismissal



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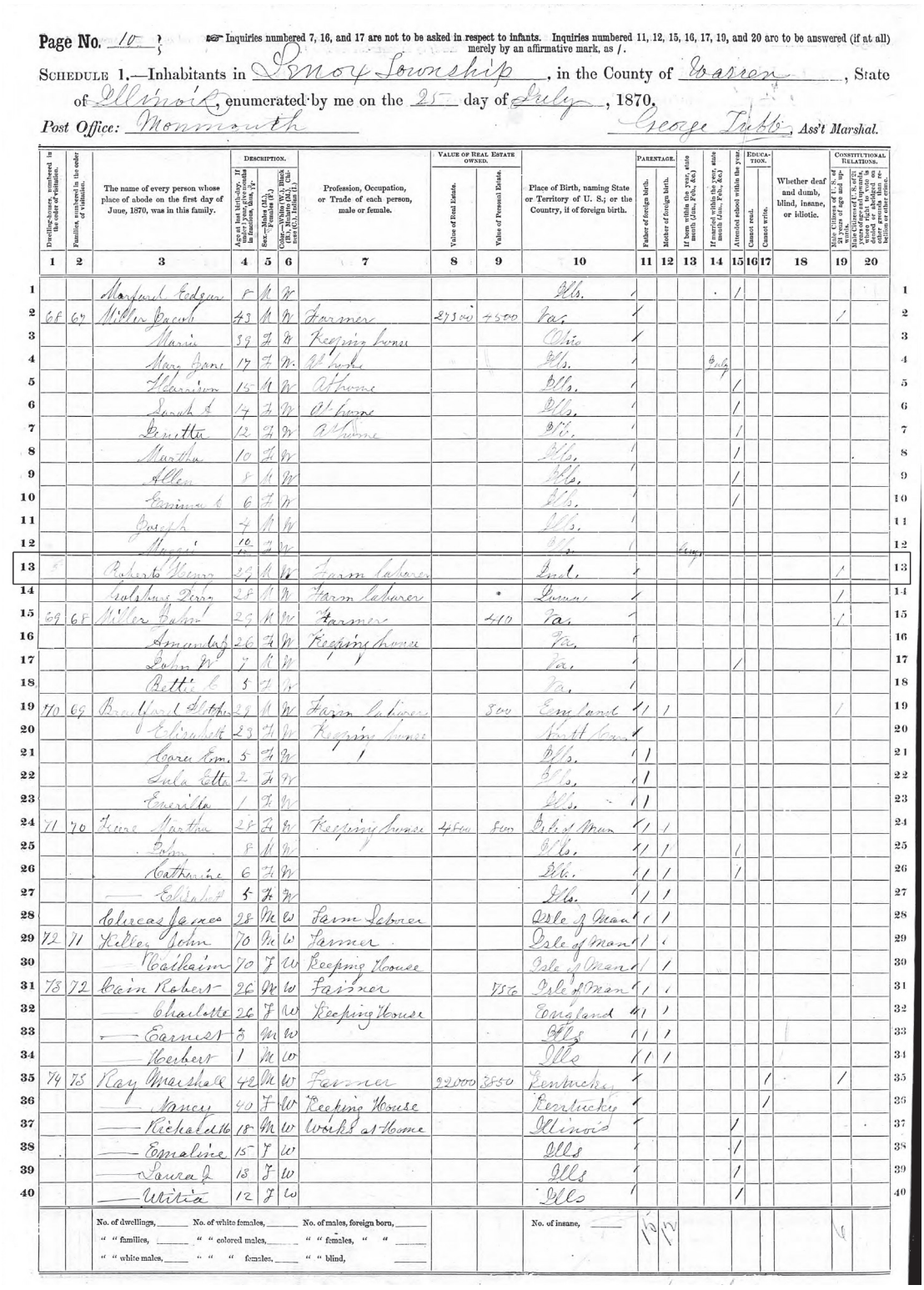
The West Fork Church Met
the 3rd Sat in Dec 1863
Prayer by Bro H Stevenson
also a Sermon, then proceeded
to business
1st Minutes of last Meeting read & adopted.
2nd granted a letter of dismission
to Bro Henry Roberts,
No other business adjourned.
Dismiss by letter
Preaching at night by Bro Stevenson
also on Sunday & Monday and
one Monday night. at which time
the Meeting closed, in Consequence
of Bro Monroe and Bro Griffith
failing to attend

James Custer Mod
H. S. Vawter Clk tem

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 18.2

1870 United States Federal Census – Lenox Township, Warren County, Illinois



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☞ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Lenox Township, in the County of Warren, State of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 25 day of July, 1870.

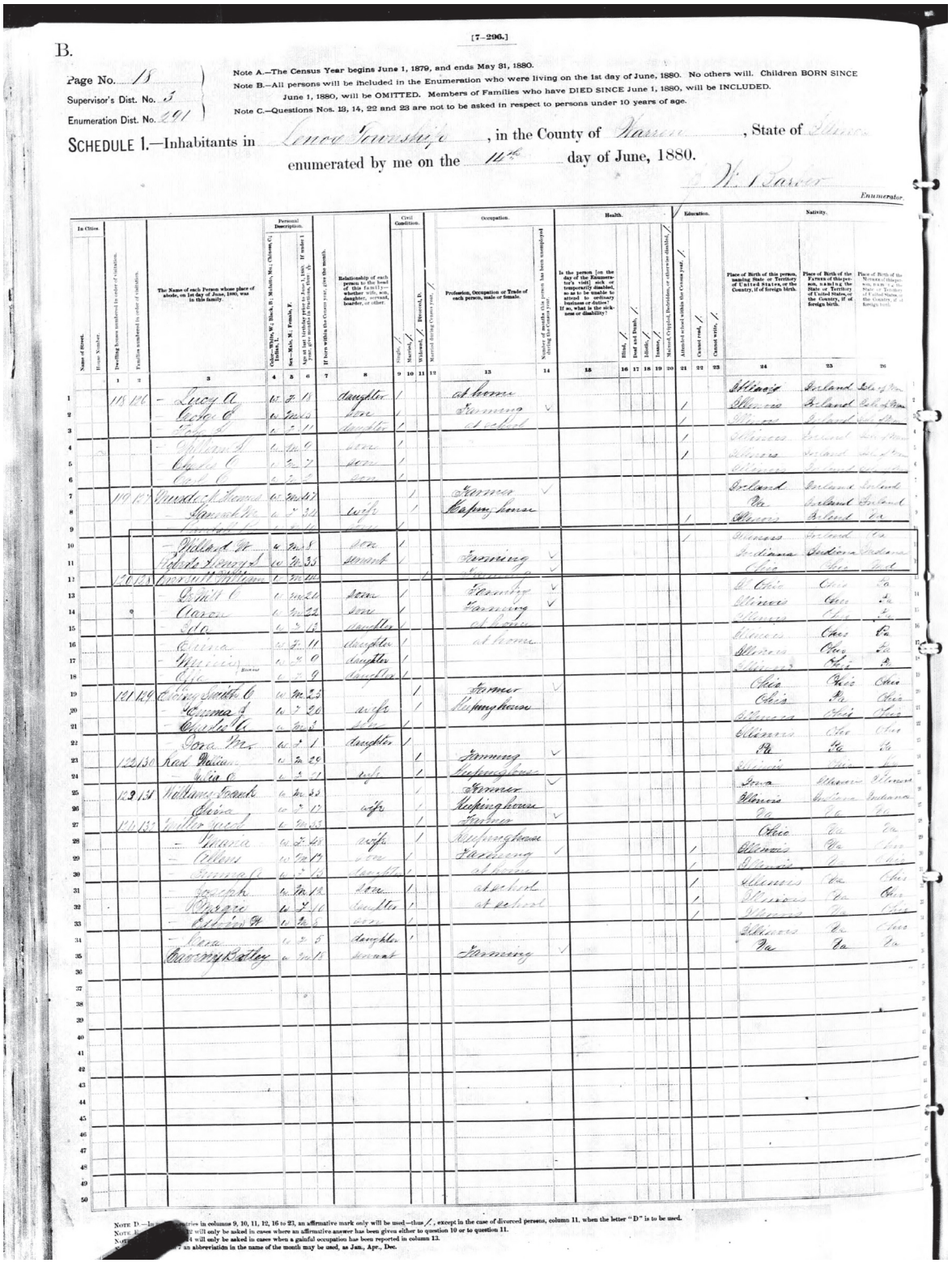
Post Office: Monmouth — George Tibbs, Ass't Marshal.

Dwellings-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, give months in fraction, thus, 6/12.	Description: Sex—Males (M.), Females (F.)	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate.	Value of Real Estate Owned: Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years and upwards. Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years and upwards, denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1			Margaret Edgar	8	F	W			Ills.											1
2	68	67	Miller Jacob	43	M	W	Farmer	2750	4500	Pa.									1	2
3			Maria	39	F	W	Keeping house			Ohio										3
4			Mary Jane	17	F	W	At home			Ills.				July						4
5			Harrison	15	M	W	At home			Ills.										5
6			Sarah A	14	F	W	At home			Ills.										6
7			Lucretia	12	F	W	At home			Ills.										7
8			Martha	10	F	W				Ills.										8
9			Allen	8	M	W				Ills.										9
10			Caroline	6	F	W				Ills.										10
11			Joseph	4	M	W				Ills.										11
12			Margaret	10/12	F	W				Ills.			Aug							12
13			Robert Kemp	39	M	W	Farm Laborer			Ind.									1	13
14			Holsbury Perry	28	M	W	Farm Laborer			Germany									1	14
15	69	68	Miller Isaac	29	M	W	Farmer		410	Pa.									1	15
16			Amanda J	26	F	W	Keeping house			Pa.										16
17			John W	7	M	W				Pa.										17
18			Betty C	5	F	W				Pa.										18
19	70	69	Bradford Stephen	29	M	W	Farm Laborer		300	England	1	1							1	19
20			Elizabeth	23	F	W	Keeping house			Scotland	1									20
21			Laura Em.	5	F	W				Ills.	1	1								21
22			Lula Etta	2	F	W				Ills.	1	1								22
23			Emerilla	1	F	W				Ills.	1	1								23
24	71	70	Frere Martha	28	F	W	Keeping house	4500	500	Isle of Man	1	1								24
25			John	8	M	W				Ills.	1	1				1				25
26			Catharine	6	F	W				Ills.	1	1				1				26
27			Elizabeth	4	F	W				Ills.	1	1								27
28			Thomas James	28	M	W	Farm Laborer			Isle of Man	1	1								28
29	72	71	Keller John	70	M	W	Farmer			Isle of Man	1	1								29
30			Catharine	70	F	W	Keeping House			Isle of Man	1	1								30
31	73	72	Cain Robert	26	M	W	Farmer		750	Isle of Man	1	1								31
32			Charlotte	26	F	W	Keeping House			England	1	1								32
33			Earnest	5	M	W				Ills	1	1								33
34			Herbert	1	M	W				Ills	1	1								34
35	74	73	Ray Marshall	42	M	W	Farmer	22000	3550	Kentucky							1		1	35
36			Nancy	40	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky							1			36
37			Richard H	18	M	W	Works at Home			Illinois						1				37
38			Emaline	15	F	W				Ills						1				38
39			Laura J	13	F	W				Ills						1				39
40			Writia	12	F	W				Ills						1				40
		No. of dwellings, ____ No. of white females, ____ No. of males, foreign born, ____ " " families, ____ " " colored males, ____ " " females, " " ____ " " white males, ____ " " " females, ____ " " blind, ____							No. of insane, ____	19	12								

"1870 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4263278_00473?pId=17504233 : accessed 29 Nov 2021), Illinois > Warren > Lenox > Image 10 of 24.

Figure 18.3

1880 United States Federal Census – Lenox Township, Warren County, Illinois



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Enumeration Dist. No. 291

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Lenox Township, in the County of Warren, State of Illinois enumerated by me on the 11th day of June, 1880.

W. I. Baker
Enumerator.

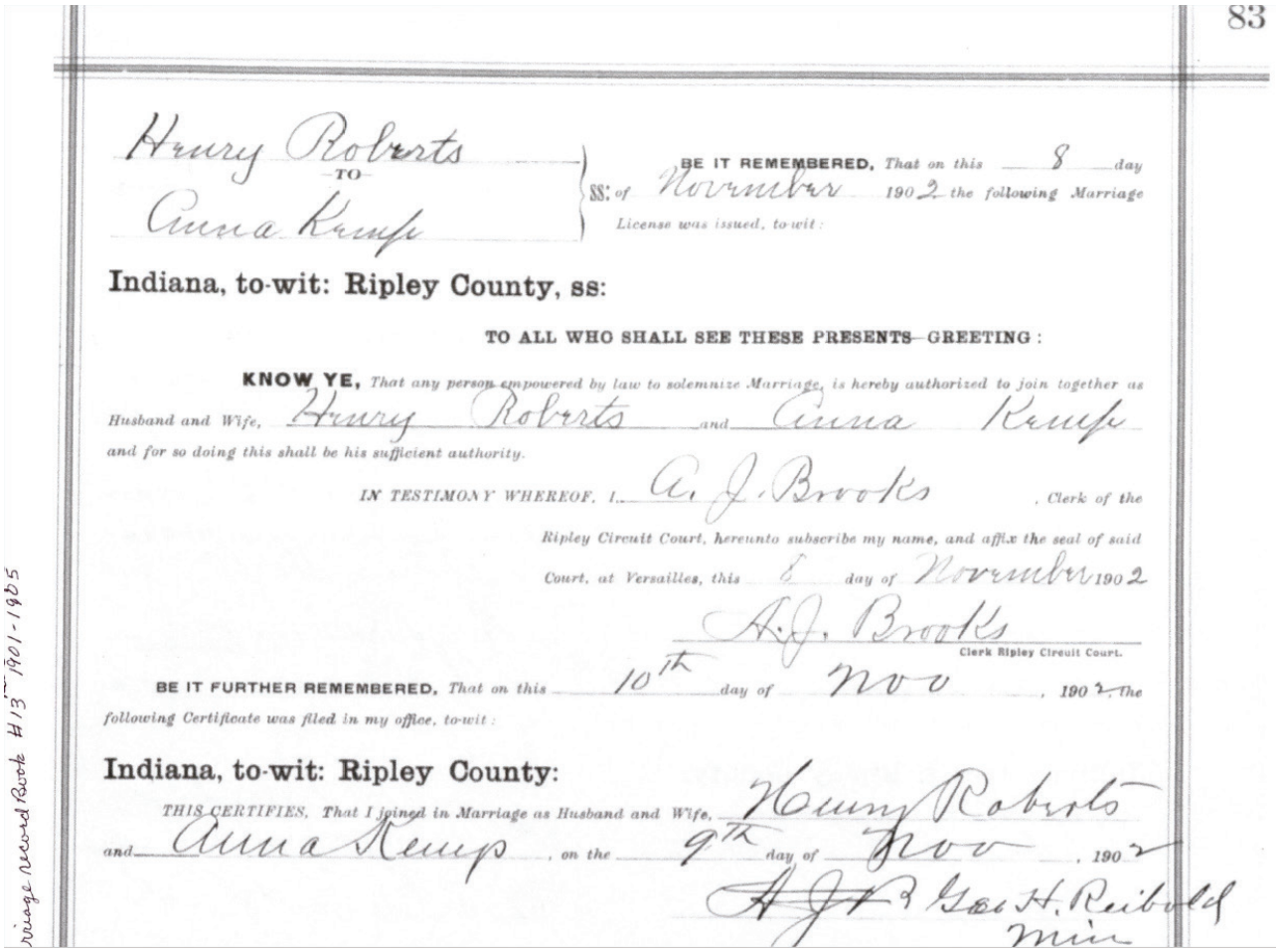
In Cities. Name of Street.	In Cities. House Number.	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus: 6/12.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Civil Condition. Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced.	Married during Census year.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumeration] temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		118	120	Lucy A.	W	F	18		daughter	/					at home								/			Illinois	Ireland	Ohio
				Geo. C.	W	M	23		son	/					Farming								/			Illinois	Ireland	Ohio
				Sarah J.	W	F	21		daughter	/					at school								/			Illinois	Ireland	Ohio
				Orland S.	W	M	9		son	/													/			Illinois	Ireland	Ohio
				Chas. C.	W	M	7		son	/													/			Illinois	Ireland	Ohio
				Carl C.	W	M	2		son	/																Illinois	Ireland	Ohio
		119	121	Wm. Reed	W	M	47				/				Farmer											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Hannah M.	W	F	32		wife		/				Keeping house								/			Illinois	Ireland	Va.
				Willard W.	W	M	8		son	/													/			Illinois	Ireland	Va.
				Roberta J.	W	F	3		daughter	/																Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
				Mary A.	W	F	35		servant			/			Farming											Ohio	Ohio	Md.
		120	122	Wm. M. Wilson	W	M	30						/		Farmer											Ohio	Ohio	Va.
				Orrin C.	W	M	24		son	/					Farming											Illinois	Ohio	Va.
				Aaron	W	M	22		son	/					Farming											Illinois	Ohio	Va.
				Ida	W	F	18		daughter	/					at home											Illinois	Ohio	Va.
				Anna	W	F	11		daughter	/					at home											Illinois	Ohio	Va.
				Minnie	W	F	9		daughter	/																Illinois	Ohio	Va.
				Ora	W	F	9		daughter	/																Illinois	Ohio	Va.
		121	123	Henry Smith C.	W	M	23				/				Farmer											Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
				Emma J.	W	F	20		wife		/				Keeping house											Ohio	Va.	Ohio
				Charles C.	W	M	3		son	/																Illinois	Ohio	Ohio
				Dora Mc.	W	F	1		daughter	/																Illinois	Ohio	Ohio
		122	124	Reed William	W	M	20				/				Farming											Va.	Va.	Va.
				Ida C.	W	F	21		wife		/				Keeping house											Illinois	Ohio	Ohio
		123	125	Williams Enoch	W	M	38				/				Farmer											Iowa	Illinois	Illinois
				Persia	W	F	17		wife		/				Keeping house											Illinois	Indiana	Indiana
		124	126	Miller Jacob	W	M	35				/				Farmer											Va.	Va.	Va.
				Indiana	W	F	28		wife		/				Keeping house											Ohio	Va.	Va.
				Allen	W	M	17		son	/					Farming								/			Illinois	Va.	Ohio
				Emma J.	W	F	13		daughter	/					at home								/			Illinois	Va.	Ohio
				Joseph	W	M	12		son	/					at school								/			Illinois	Va.	Ohio
				Margie	W	F	10		daughter	/					at school								/			Illinois	Va.	Ohio
				Addison M.	W	M	6		son	/																Illinois	Va.	Ohio
				Rosa	W	F	5		daughter	/																Illinois	Va.	Ohio
				Geo. M. Bailey	W	M	18		servant			/			Farming											Va.	Va.	Va.

Note D—In [illegible] in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E—[illegible] 22 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F—[illegible] 24 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G—[illegible] an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

"1880 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240564-00399?pId=31260385 : accessed 29 Nov 2021), Illinois > Warren > Lenox > 291 > Image 18 of 24.

Figure 18.4

Marriage Certificate – Henry Roberts and Anna Kemp



83

Henry Roberts
TO
Anna Kemp

SS: BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 8 day of November 1902 the following Marriage License was issued, to-wit:

Indiana, to-wit: Ripley County, ss:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS—GREETING:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize Marriage, is hereby authorized to join together as Husband and Wife, Henry Roberts and Anna Kemp and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, A. J. Brooks, Clerk of the Ripley Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said Court, at Versailles, this 8 day of November 1902

A. J. Brooks
Clerk Ripley Circuit Court.

BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this 10th day of Nov, 1902, The following Certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

Indiana, to-wit: Ripley County:

THIS CERTIFIES, That I joined in Marriage as Husband and Wife, Henry Roberts and Anna Kemp, on the 9th day of Nov, 1902

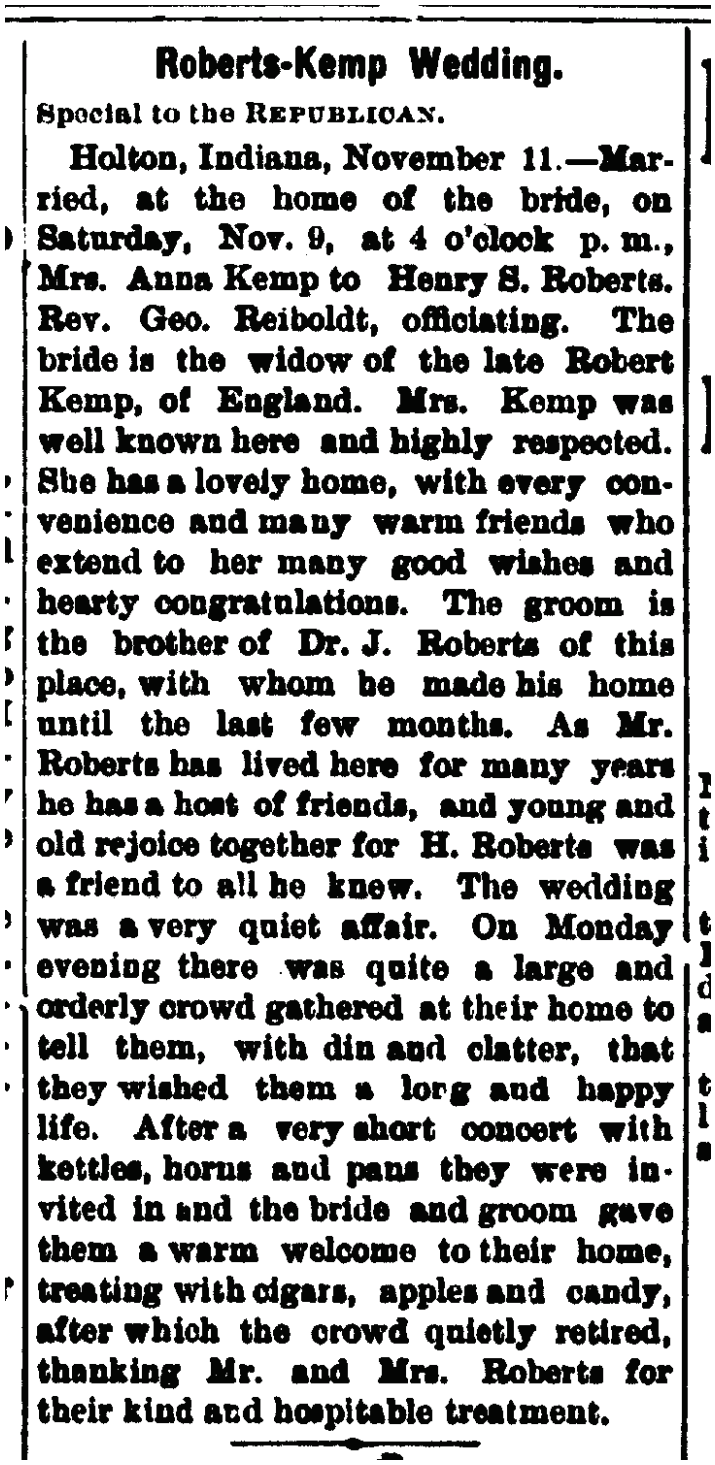
Geo H. Reibold
Min

riage record Book #13 1901-1905

Marriage Record Book #13, 1901-1905. Ripley County Circuit Court. Received 31 Jan 2020 from Cheryl Welch, Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, Indiana.

Figure 18.5

Anna Kemp-Henry Roberts[18] Wedding Announcement



Roberts-Kemp Wedding.

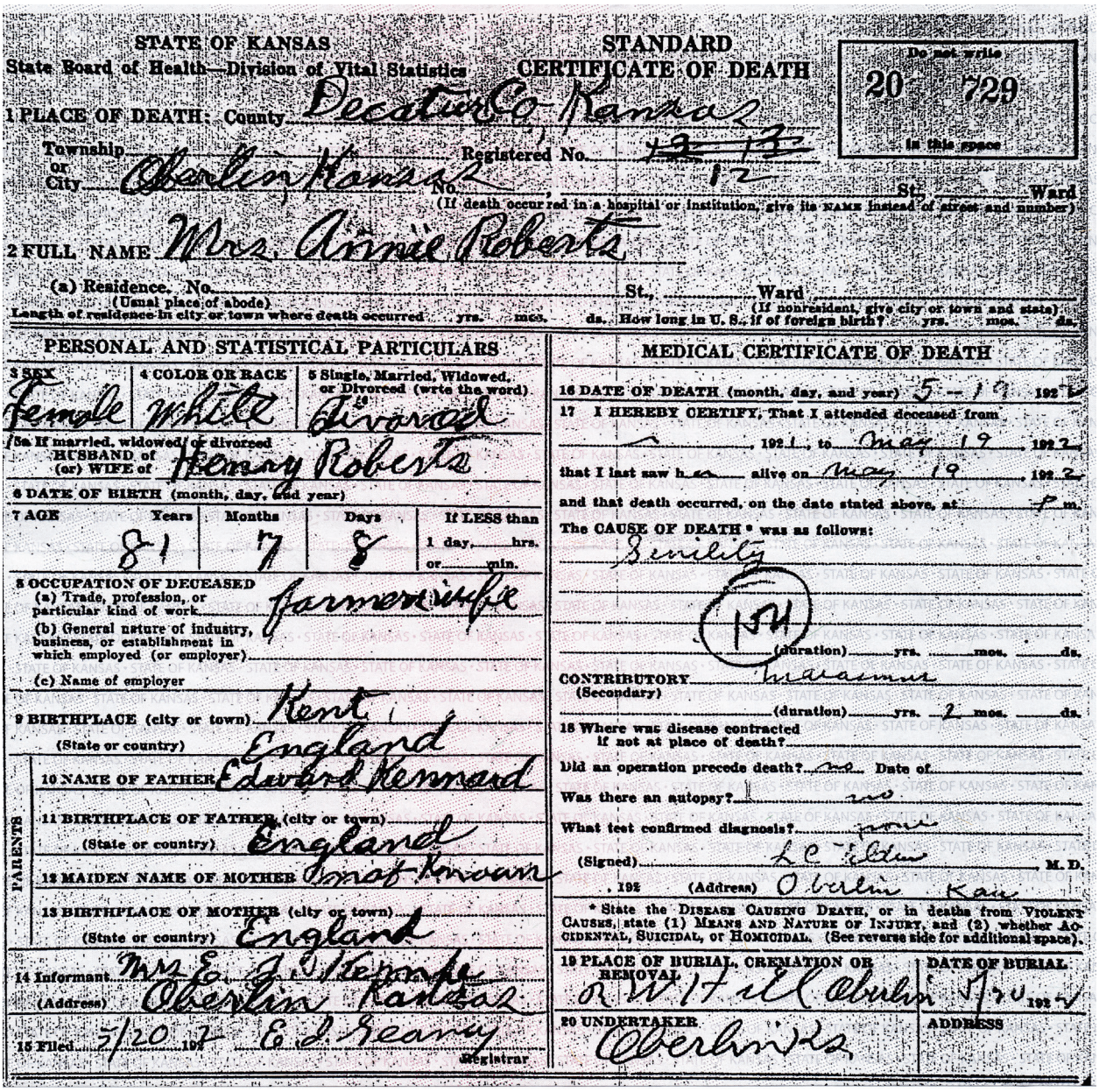
Special to the REPUBLICAN.

Holton, Indiana, November 11.—Married, at the home of the bride, on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 4 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Anna Kemp to Henry S. Roberts. Rev. Geo. Reiboldt, officiating. The bride is the widow of the late Robert Kemp, of England. Mrs. Kemp was well known here and highly respected. She has a lovely home, with every convenience and many warm friends who extend to her many good wishes and hearty congratulations. The groom is the brother of Dr. J. Roberts of this place, with whom he made his home until the last few months. As Mr. Roberts has lived here for many years he has a host of friends, and young and old rejoice together for H. Roberts was a friend to all he knew. The wedding was a very quiet affair. On Monday evening there was quite a large and orderly crowd gathered at their home to tell them, with din and clatter, that they wished them a long and happy life. After a very short concert with kettles, horns and pans they were invited in and the bride and groom gave them a warm welcome to their home, treating with cigars, apples and candy, after which the crowd quietly retired, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for their kind and hospitable treatment.

Versailles (IN) Republican, 12 Nov 1902, pg. 8 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 18.6

Anna Roberts Death Certificate



STATE OF KANSAS
State Board of Health—Division of Vital Statistics

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Do not write in this space: 20 729

1 PLACE OF DEATH: County Decatur Co Kansas
Township or City Oberlin Kansas Registered No. 12 13
No. 2 St. Ward
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Mrs. Anna Roberts

(a) Residence. No. St., Ward
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and state)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: Female
4 COLOR OR RACE: White
5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word): Divorced
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of: Henry Roberts
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)
7 AGE: Years 81 | Months 7 | Days 8 | If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: farmer widow
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Kent
(State or country) England

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER Edward Kennard
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town)
(State or country) England
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Ann
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town)
(State or country) England

14 Informant Mrs E. J. Kemple
(Address) Oberlin Kansas
15 Filed 5/20 19?? Ed. Geary Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 5-19 192?
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from ... 192?, to May 19 192?
that I last saw her alive on May 19 192?
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at ... p. m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:
Senility
(duration) yrs. mos. ds.
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Pneumonia
(duration) yrs. 2 mos. ds.
18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
Did an operation precede death? no Date of
Was there an autopsy? no
What test confirmed diagnosis? none
(Signed) L C Elder M. D.
192? (Address) Oberlin Kan.

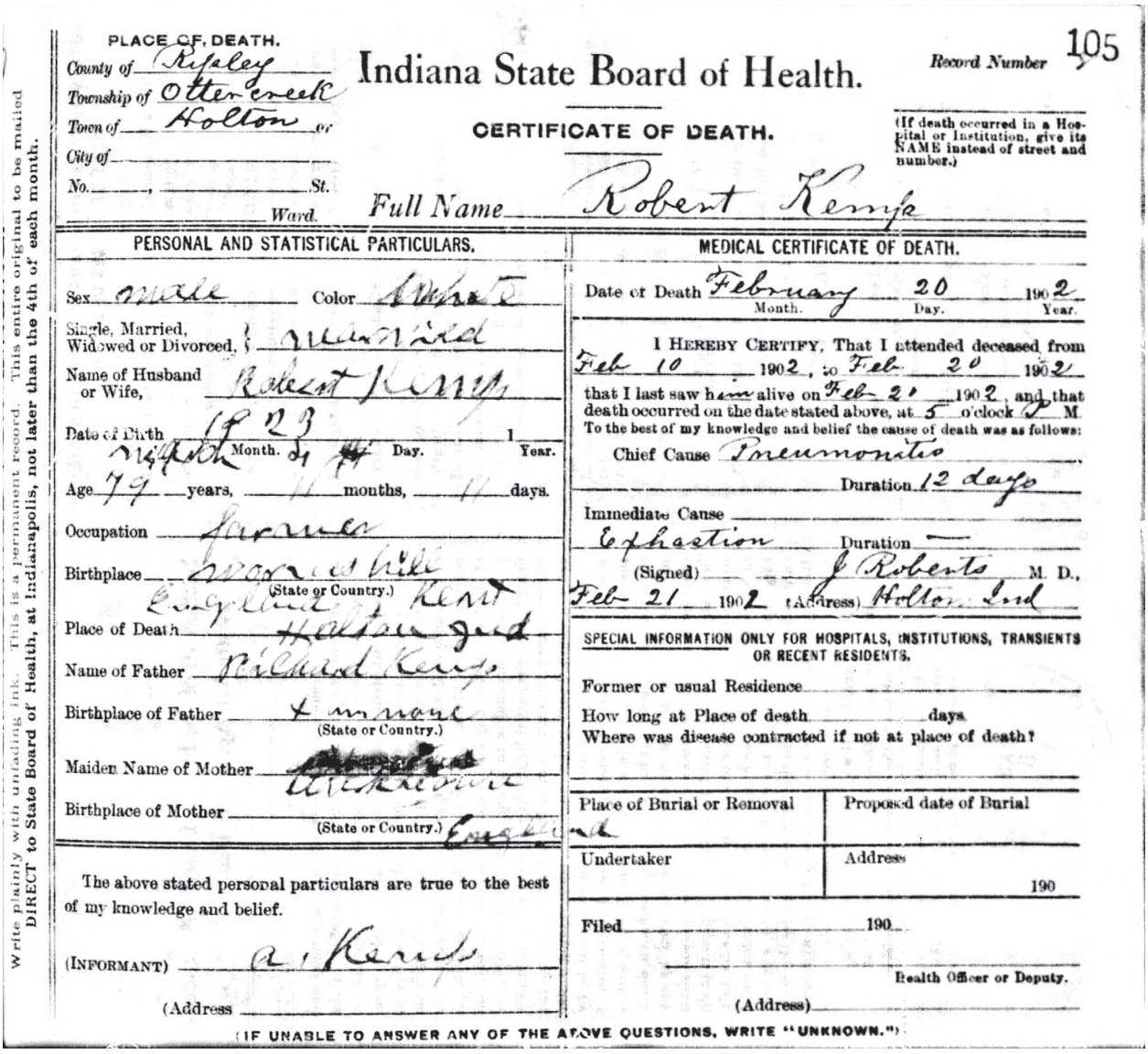
* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space).

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL: Overland Hill Oberlin
DATE OF BURIAL: 5/20 192?
20 UNDERTAKER: Oberlin Bros.
ADDRESS

From the personal records of Jon A. Roberts.

Figure 18.7

Robert Kemp Death Certificate



PLACE OF DEATH.
County of Ripley
Township of Otter creek
Town of Holton or
City of
No. ____, ____ St.
Ward.

Indiana State Board of Health.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Record Number 105

(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

Full Name Robert Kemp

Write plainly with unfading ink. This is a permanent record. This entire original to be mailed DIRECT to State Board of Health, at Indianapolis, not later than the 4th of each month.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

Sex male Color White
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced, Married
Name of Husband or Wife, Robert Kemp
Date of Birth March 21 1823
Month. Day. Year.
Age 79 years, 11 months, 11 days.
Occupation farmer
Birthplace Maryland
(State or Country.)
England Kent
Place of Death Holton Ind
Name of Father Richard Kemp
Birthplace of Father Unknown
(State or Country.)
Maiden Name of Mother [illegible]
Birthplace of Mother [illegible]
(State or Country.) England

The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(INFORMANT) A. Kemp

(Address)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Date of Death February 20 1902
Month. Day. Year.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb 10 1902, to Feb 20 1902
that I last saw him alive on Feb 21 1902, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 5 o'clock P M.
To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows:

Chief Cause Pneumonia
Duration 12 days
Immediate Cause
Exhaustion Duration —
(Signed) J Roberts M. D.,
Feb 21 1902 (Address) Holton Ind

SPECIAL INFORMATION ONLY FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS.

Former or usual Residence
How long at Place of death days
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Place of Burial or Removal	Proposed date of Burial
Undertaker	Address 190

Filed 190

Health Officer or Deputy.

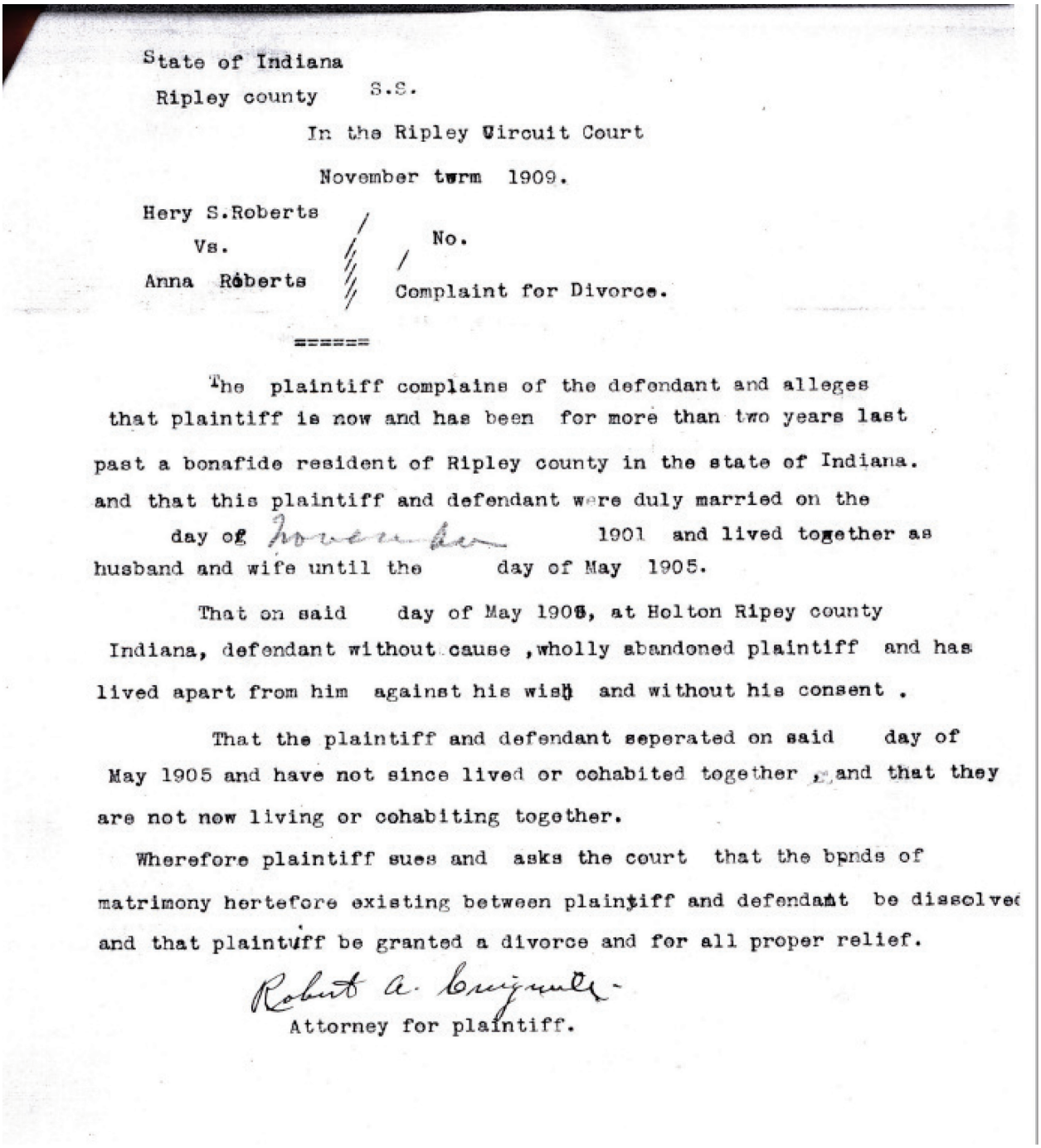
(Address)

(IF UNABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, WRITE "UNKNOWN.")

"Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/45232_354325-02395?pId=1000319 : accessed 6 Feb 2022), Certificate > 1902 > 10 > image 2396 of 2753.

Figure 18.8 (4 pages)

Henry Roberts[18] Complaint for Divorce



State of Indiana
Ripley county S.S.

In the Ripley Circuit Court

November term 1909.

Hery S.Roberts
Vs. No.
Anna Roberts Complaint for Divorce.

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The plaintiff complains of the defendant and alleges that plaintiff is now and has been for more than two years last past a bonafide resident of Ripley county in the state of Indiana. and that this plaintiff and defendant were duly married on the day of November 1901 and lived together as husband and wife until the day of May 1905.

That on said day of May 1905, at Holton Ripey county Indiana, defendant without cause ,wholly abandoned plaintiff and has lived apart from him against his wish and without his consent .

That the plaintiff and defendant seperated on said day of May 1905 and have not since lived or cohabited together , and that they are not now living or cohabiting together.

Wherefore plaintiff sues and asks the court that the bonds of matrimony hertefore existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and that plaintiff be granted a divorce and for all proper relief.

Robert A. Bridwell
Attorney for plaintiff.

Ripley County Circuit Court. November Term 1909. Received 31 Jan 2020 from Cheryl Welch, Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, Indiana.

State of Indiana

Ripley county S.S.

In the Ripley Circuit Court

November term 1909.

Henry S. Roberts No.

Vs.

Anna Roberts.

Henry S.Roberts being duly sworn upon his oath says, that he is the plaintiff in the above entitled cause for divorce That said defendant is not a resident of the state of Indiana but this affiant is informed and beleives that said defendant now resides in the state of Kansas and that on orabout the first day of November 1909 said defendant resided near Oberlin in said satate and beleives her address to be Anna Roberst R.F.D. 5 Oberlin Kansas.

Henry S. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd. day of November 1909.

My commission Expires Nov.5"1912.

Robert A. Bridgmule

Notary Public.

State of Indiana
Ripley county S.S.

In the Ripley Circuit Court
November term 1909.

Henry S.Roberts No.

Vs.

Anna Roberts.

Henry Roberts being duly sworn upon his oath ,says ,that he is the plaintiff in the above entitled cause of action ; that he has been a resident of the state of Indiana for ten years last past , and that for two years last past he has been a resident of Holton Otter creek township Ripey county Indiana. and that he is by occupation a farmer.

Henry S. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd.day of November 1909.

My commission expires Nov.5"1912.

Robert A. Remington

Notary Public.

State of Indiana

Ripley county S.S.

In the Circuit Court

November term 1909.

Henry S.Roberts

Vs.

Anna Roberts

No.

Divorce.

Affidavit of disinterested person for Publication.

J W Cox, being duly sworn upon his oath says, that he is now and has been for more than three years last past a resident of Otter Creek township Ripley county Indiana , and that said affiant has know the plaintiff and defendant ~~for~~/ in the above entitled cause for ten years, affiant further says that defendant, Anna Roberts is not a resident of the state of Indiana; that this affiant is a disinterested person and has no interest whatever in the above entitled cause of action , or the result thereof , and affiant further says not.

J W Cox

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of November 1909.

My commission expires.

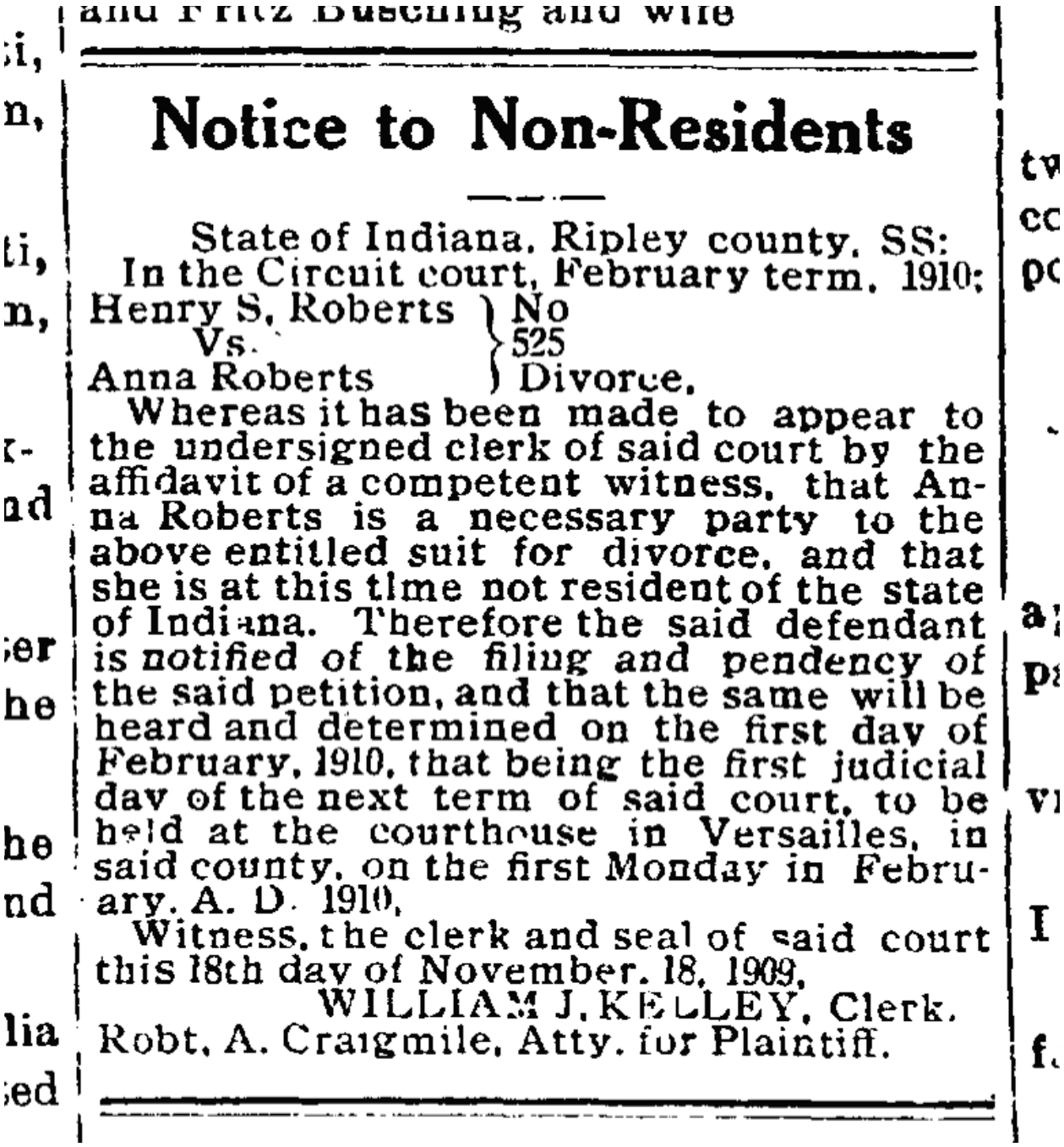
Nov 20-1910 Smith Harrell (Seal)

Justice of the Peace

Otter Creek T.P. Holton Ind

Figure 18.9

Notice to Non-Residents



and Fritz Busching and wife

Notice to Non-Residents

State of Indiana, Ripley county, SS:
In the Circuit court, February term, 1910;

Henry S. Roberts) No
Vs. } 525
Anna Roberts) Divorce.

Whereas it has been made to appear to the undersigned clerk of said court by the affidavit of a competent witness, that Anna Roberts is a necessary party to the above entitled suit for divorce, and that she is at this time not resident of the state of Indiana. Therefore the said defendant is notified of the filing and pendency of the said petition, and that the same will be heard and determined on the first day of February, 1910, that being the first judicial day of the next term of said court, to be held at the courthouse in Versailles, in said county, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1910,

Witness, the clerk and seal of said court this 18th day of November, 18, 1909,

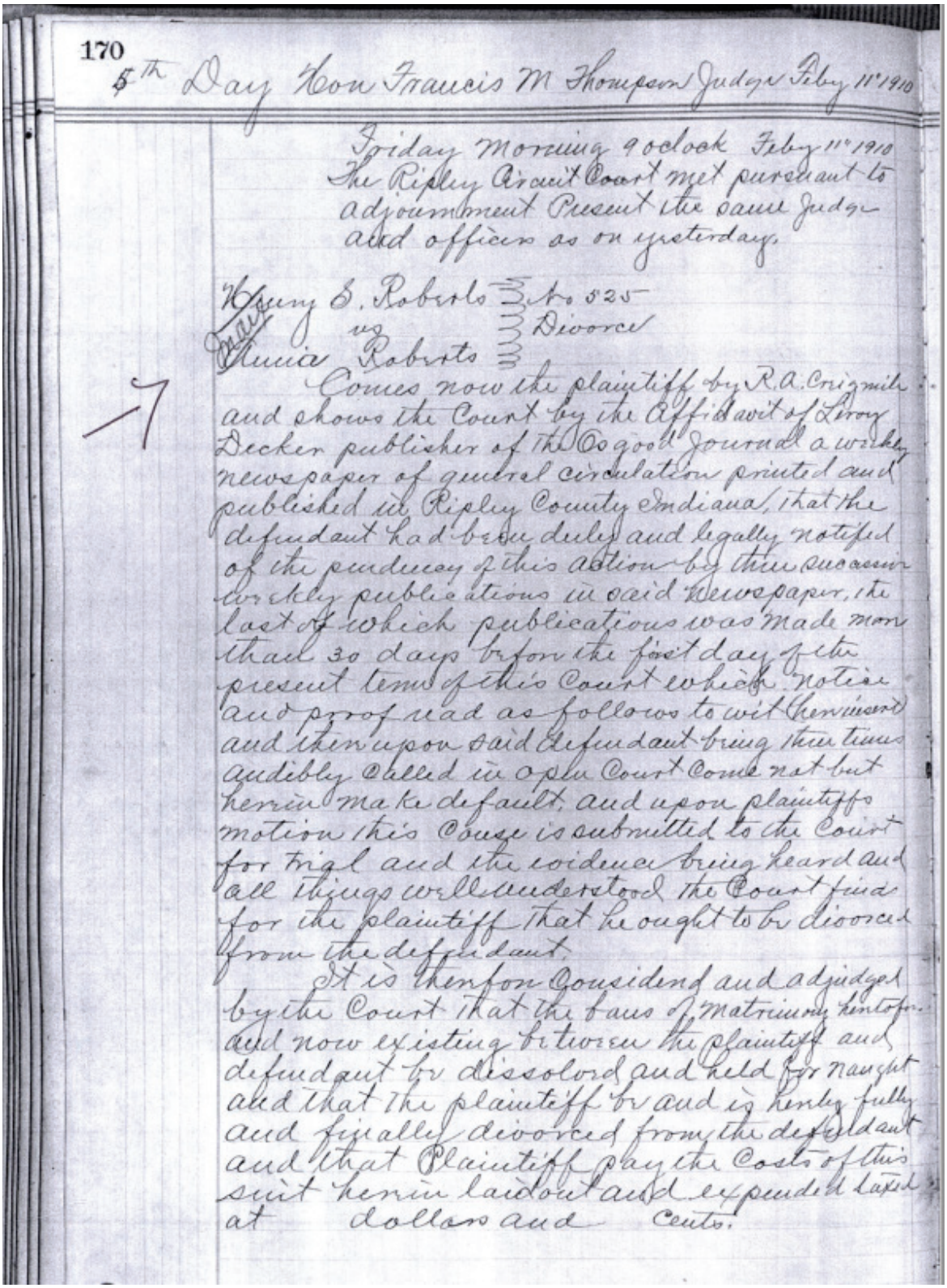
WILLIAM J. KELLEY, Clerk.

Robt. A. Craigmile, Atty. for Plaintiff.

Osgood (IN) Journal, 5 Jan 1910, pg. 6 (newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 18.10

Court Order Granting Divorce



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5th Day Hon Francis M Thompson Judge Feby 11th 1910

Friday Morning 9 oclock Feby 11th 1910
The Ripley Circuit Court met pursuant to adjournment Present the same Judge and officers as on yesterday.

Henry S. Roberts
vs
Emma Roberts
} No. 525
Divorce

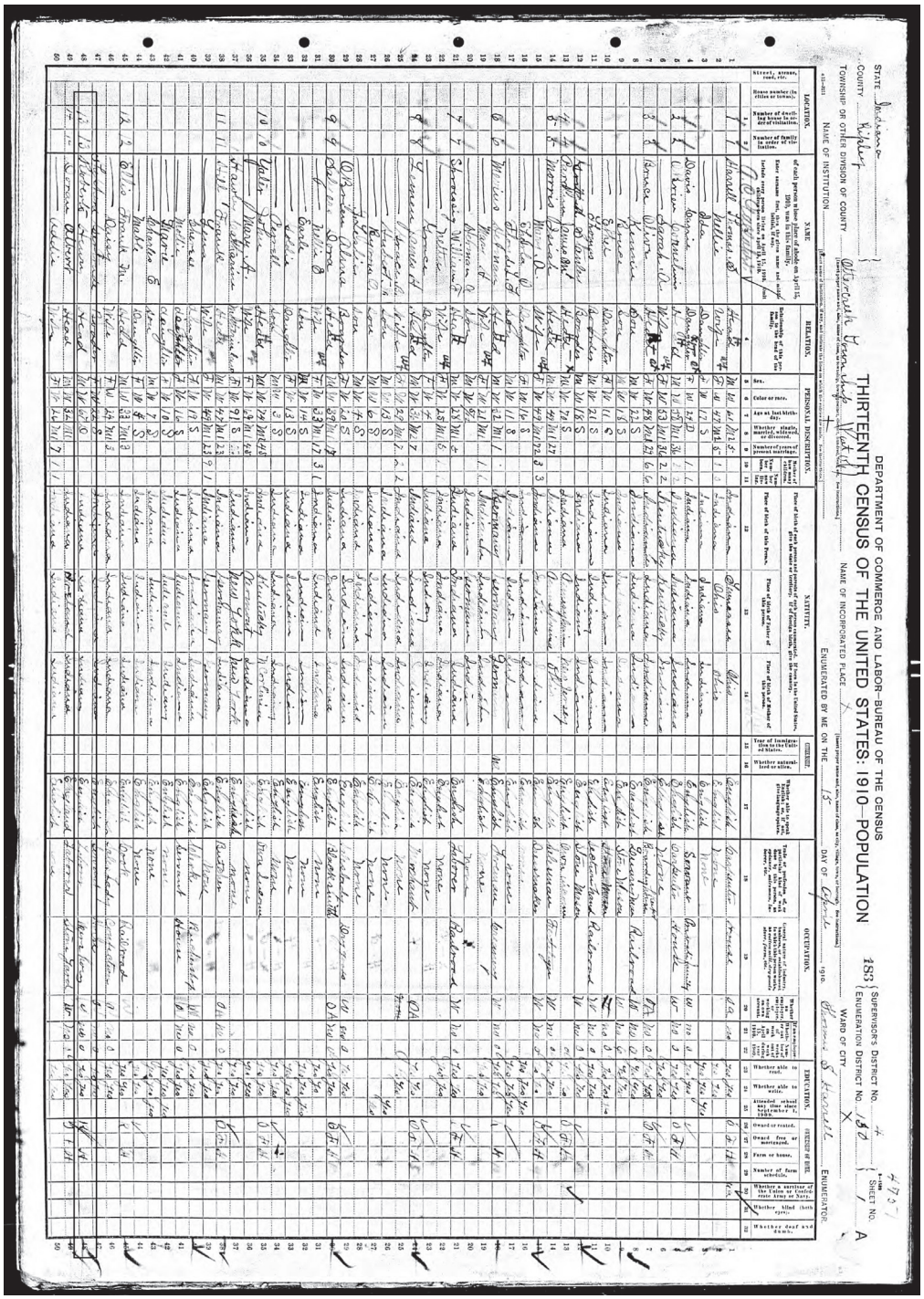
Comes now the plaintiff by R.A. Crizmile and shows the Court by the Affidavit of Leroy Decker publisher of the Osgood Journal a weekly newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Ripley County Indiana, that the defendant had been duly and legally notified of the pendency of this action by three successive weekly publications in said Newspaper, the last of which publications was made more than 30 days before the first day of the present term of this Court which notice and proof read as follows to wit (here insert) and thereupon said defendant being three times audibly called in open Court come not but herein make default, and upon plaintiffs motion this Cause is submitted to the Court for trial and the evidence being heard and all things well understood the Court finds for the plaintiff that he ought to be divorced from the defendant.

It is therefore Considered and adjudged by the Court that the bans of Matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and held for naught and that the plaintiff be and is hereby fully and finally divorced from the defendant and that Plaintiff pay the Costs of this suit herein laid out and expended taxed at dollars and Cents.

Civil Order Book VV, September 1909 to February 1911. Ripley County Circuit Court. Received 31 Jan 2020 from Cheryl Welch, Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, Indiana.

Figure 18.11

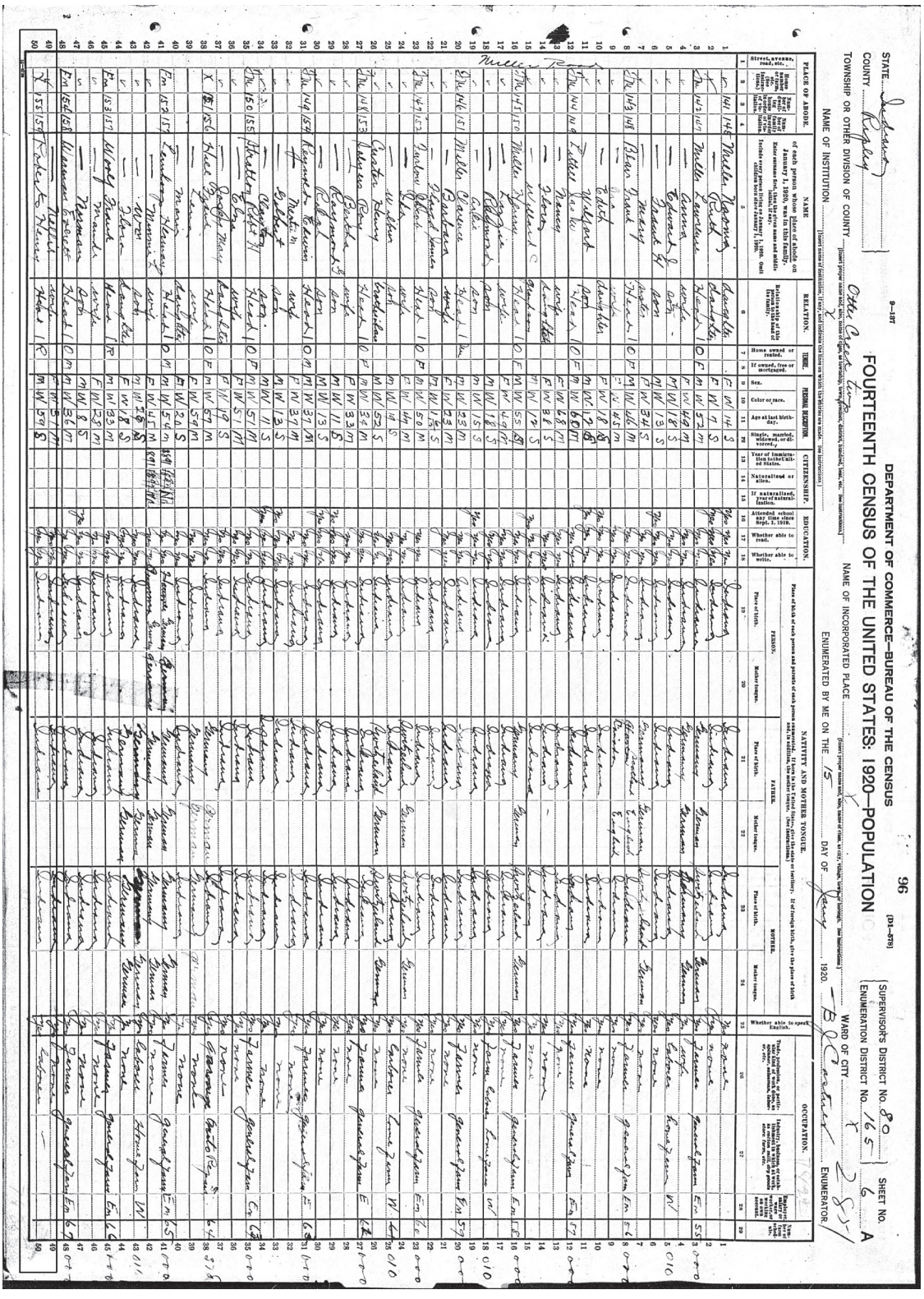
1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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Figure 18.12

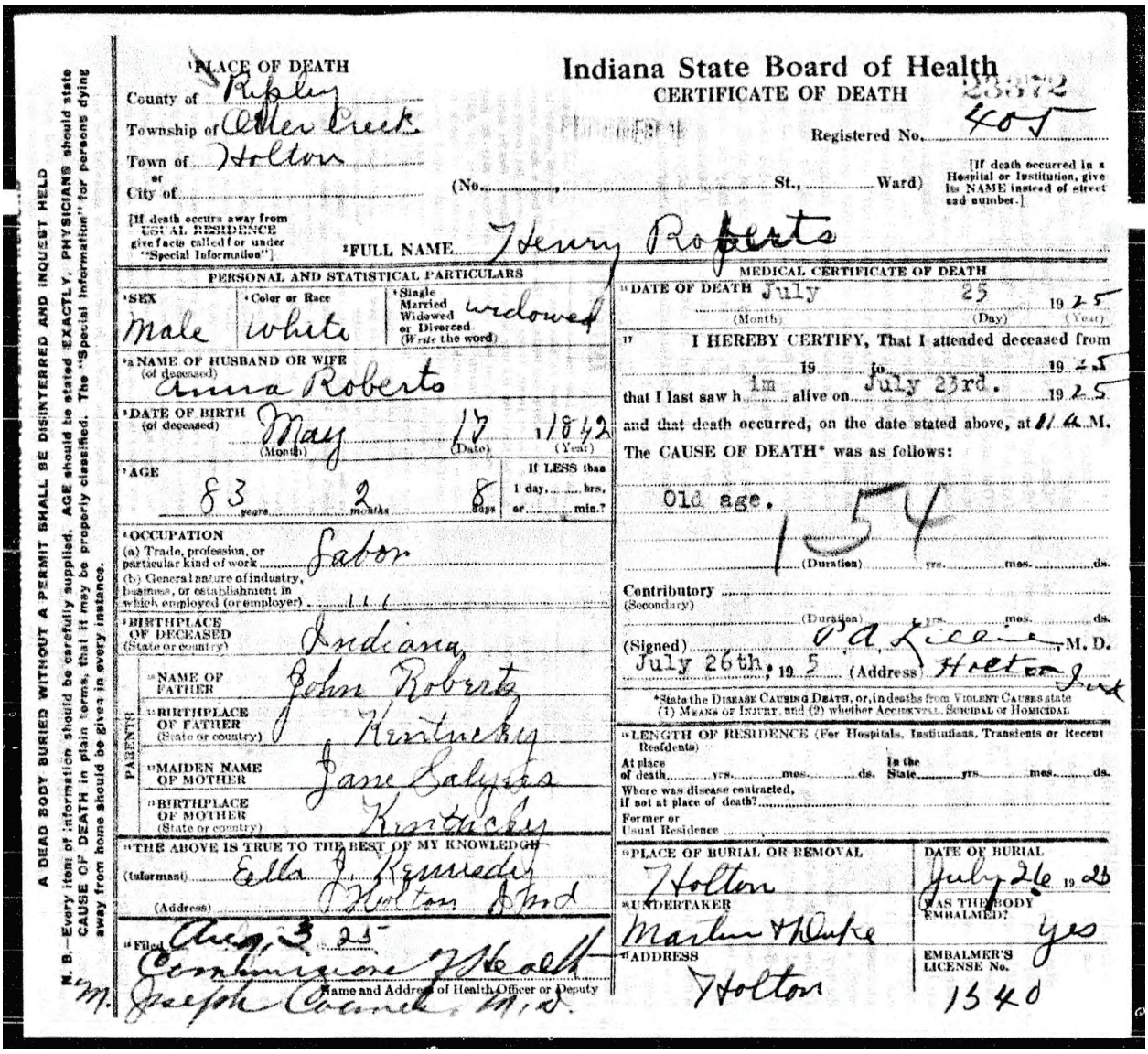
1920 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana



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Figure 18.13

Henry Roberts[18] Death Certificate



Indiana State Board of Health
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
County of Ripley
Township of Allen Creek
Town of Holton
or
City of
(No. , St., Ward)
[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information"]
[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

Registered No. 405

FULL NAME Henry Roberts

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX: Male
Color or Race: White
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word): Widowed
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE (of deceased): Anna Roberts
DATE OF BIRTH (of deceased): May 17 1842 (Month) (Date) (Year)
AGE: 83 years 2 months 8 days. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
OCCUPATION: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Labor
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): [illegible]
BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED (State or country): Indiana
PARENTS:
NAME OF FATHER: John Roberts
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country): Kentucky
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Jane Sallyers
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country): Kentucky

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Ella J Kennedy
(Address) Holton Ind

Filed Aug 3 25
Name and Address of Health Officer or Deputy: M. Joseph Cronk M.D.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH: July (Month) 25 (Day) 1925 (Year)
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 19 to 19 25
that I last saw him alive on July 23rd. 1925
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 4 M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Old age. 1 54
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
Contributory (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) O A Licence M. D.
July 26th, 1925 (Address) Heltonind

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or Usual Residence

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Holton
DATE OF BURIAL: July 26 1925
UNDERTAKER: Martin & Duke
WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? yes
ADDRESS: Holton
EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 1340

A DEAD BODY BURIED WITHOUT A PERMIT SHALL BE DISINTERRED AND INQUEST HELD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

"Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011, database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_350094-00876?pId=4992204 : accessed 29 Nov 2021), Certificate > 1925 > 10 > Image 877 of 2506.

Figure 18.14

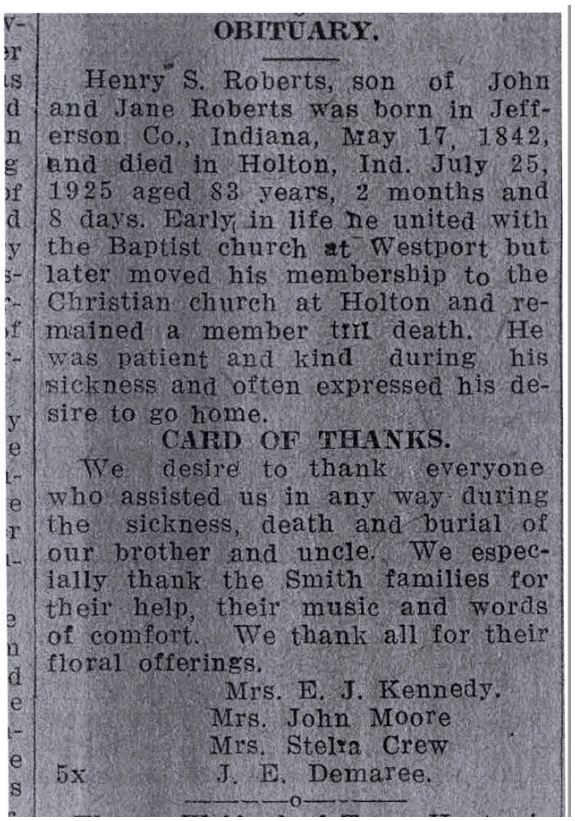
Henry Roberts[18] Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30077838/henry-s-roberts : accessed 29 November 2021), memorial page for Henry S Roberts (17 May 1842–25 Jul 1925), Find a Grave Memorial ID 30077838, citing Holton Cemetery, Holton, Ripley County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by KDonley (contributor 46927786). Photo added 25 Sep 2008 by KDonley.

Figure 18.15

Henry S. Roberts[18] Obituaries



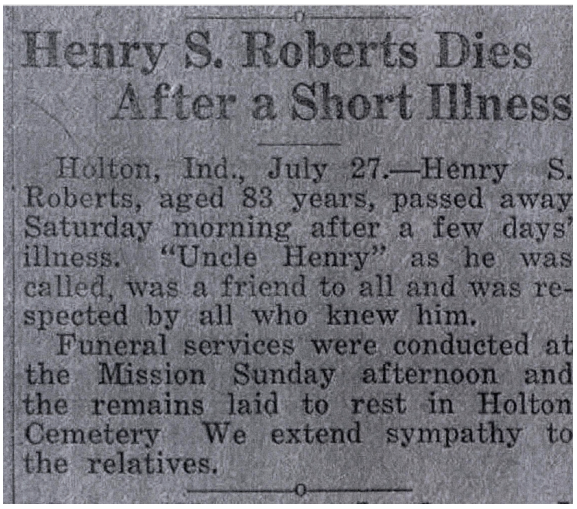
OBITUARY.

Henry S. Roberts, son of John and Jane Roberts was born in Jefferson Co., Indiana, May 17, 1842, and died in Holton, Ind. July 25, 1925 aged 83 years, 2 months and 8 days. Early in life he united with the Baptist church at Westport but later moved his membership to the Christian church at Holton and remained a member till death. He was patient and kind during his sickness and often expressed his desire to go home.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank everyone who assisted us in any way during the sickness, death and burial of our brother and uncle. We especially thank the Smith families for their help, their music and words of comfort. We thank all for their floral offerings.

Mrs. E. J. Kennedy.
Mrs. John Moore
Mrs. Stella Crew
5x J. E. Demaree.



Henry S. Roberts Dies After a Short Illness

Holton, Ind., July 27.—Henry S. Roberts, aged 83 years, passed away Saturday morning after a few days' illness. "Uncle Henry" as he was called, was a friend to all and was respected by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mission Sunday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in Holton Cemetery. We extend sympathy to the relatives.

Versailles (IN) Republican, 29 Jul 1925
Received 31 Jan 2020 from Cheryl Welch, Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, Indiana.

19. DAVID (b. 30 Aug 1845, d. 27 Sep 1892)

Birth: 30 Aug 1845, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: Never married.

Death: 27 Sep 1892, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana.



David Roberts Headstone
From Find a Grave.

David was the ninth child born to John S.[4] and Jane Salyers Roberts very large family. According to his headstone, he was born 30 Aug 1845 and passed away 27 Sep 1892. His birth was likely in Jefferson County, as that is where his parents were living at the time. Prior to David's birth, the Roberts family was living in Switzerland County, Indiana. The 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifies the following members of the Roberts household and notes that David's father was engaged in agriculture.[1]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where David's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, his parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[2,3,4]

About May 1847, David's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with the family pending her divorce. Census records show David in the Roberts family Shelby Township home through 1870. He is not shown as having attended school in either the 1850 or 1860 census, so his level of education is not known. For the 1870 census, his occupation is identified as farm laborer.[5,6,7.8]

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[1] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[2] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[3] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[4] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.
[5] See Figure 2.5. Elizabeth Cole[2] Bill of Complaint for Divorce.
[6] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[7] See Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[8] See Figure 4.9. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

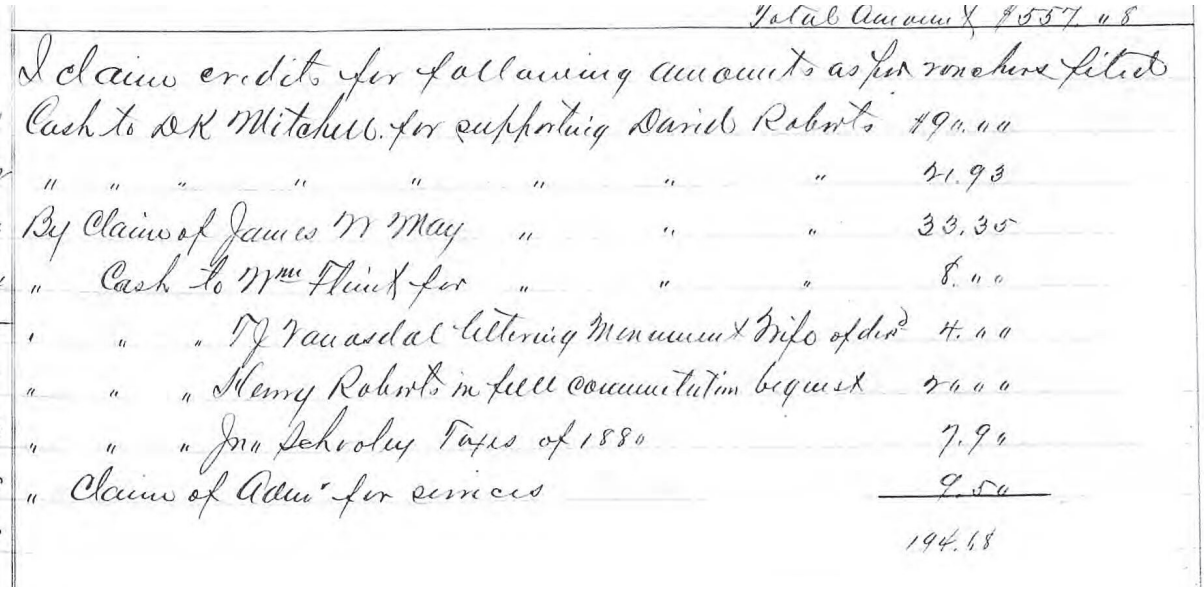
With his father's death in Dec 1875, it appears David went to live with his sister, Quintilla[21], and her husband, Daniel Mitchell, as he is reflected in their Shelby Township household for the 1880 census. This record also identifies him as idiotic. While the instructions for the 1880 census enumerators do not provide any guidance on what kind of afflictions should be so classified, we can surmise that David was probably unable to care for himself, as his father's will appoints brother Edward[17] as Executor to "take charge of all my Real and personal property . . . for the use and support of my beloved wife Jane Roberts and David Roberts [during] their natural lives . . ." and, further, appoints Edward as David's guardian "to see that he is well cared for during his natural life and to provide for him out of my Estate." Why David is not living with Edward, since Edward was his guardian, is not known; however, Edward was having health problems related to his Civil War service and may have been unable to properly care for him. When James W. May, administrator for the John S. Roberts[4] estate, submitted his final accounting to the court in Oct 1881, he noted that payments of $153.28 had been made for David's support, $111.93 of which had been paid to Daniel Mitchell, Quintilla's husband.[9,10,11,12]

As with many other Roberts family members, David joined WFBC by baptism on 29 Apr 1877. After Quintilla's death in 1887, we do not know if David continued to live in the Mitchell household until his death in 1892, or if he went to live with one of his other siblings. The 1890 census records may give us a clue; however, those were lost, leaving a gap in David's record. David's death is recorded in the West Fork Baptist Church records as 27 Sep 1892. He is buried in the West Fork Cemetery.[13,14,15,16]

[9] See Figure 21.5. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[10] https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1880enumerator-instructions.pdf, accessed 30 Nov 2021.
[11] See Figure 4.12. John S. Roberts[4] Will.
[12] Figure 19.1. Excerpt from Partial Report and Resignation of James W. May, Administrator for the Estate of John S. Roberts[4].
[13] Figure 19.2. West Fork Baptist Church – David Roberts[19] Received into Membership
[14] See Figure 21.6. Quintilla Mitchell[21] Obituary (*Versailles (IN) Republican*, 10 Feb 1887, pg. 4).
[15] Figure 19.3. West Fork Baptist Church – List of Male Members Dropped from Rolls.
[16] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60405089/david-roberts : accessed 29 November 2021), memorial page for David Roberts (30 Aug 1845–27 Sep 1892), Find a Grave Memorial ID 60405089, citing West Fork Cemetery, Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by pmm (contributor 47022120).

Figure 19.1

Excerpt from Partial Report and Resignation of James W. May, Administrator for the Estate of John S. Roberts[4]



Total Amount $ 557.48

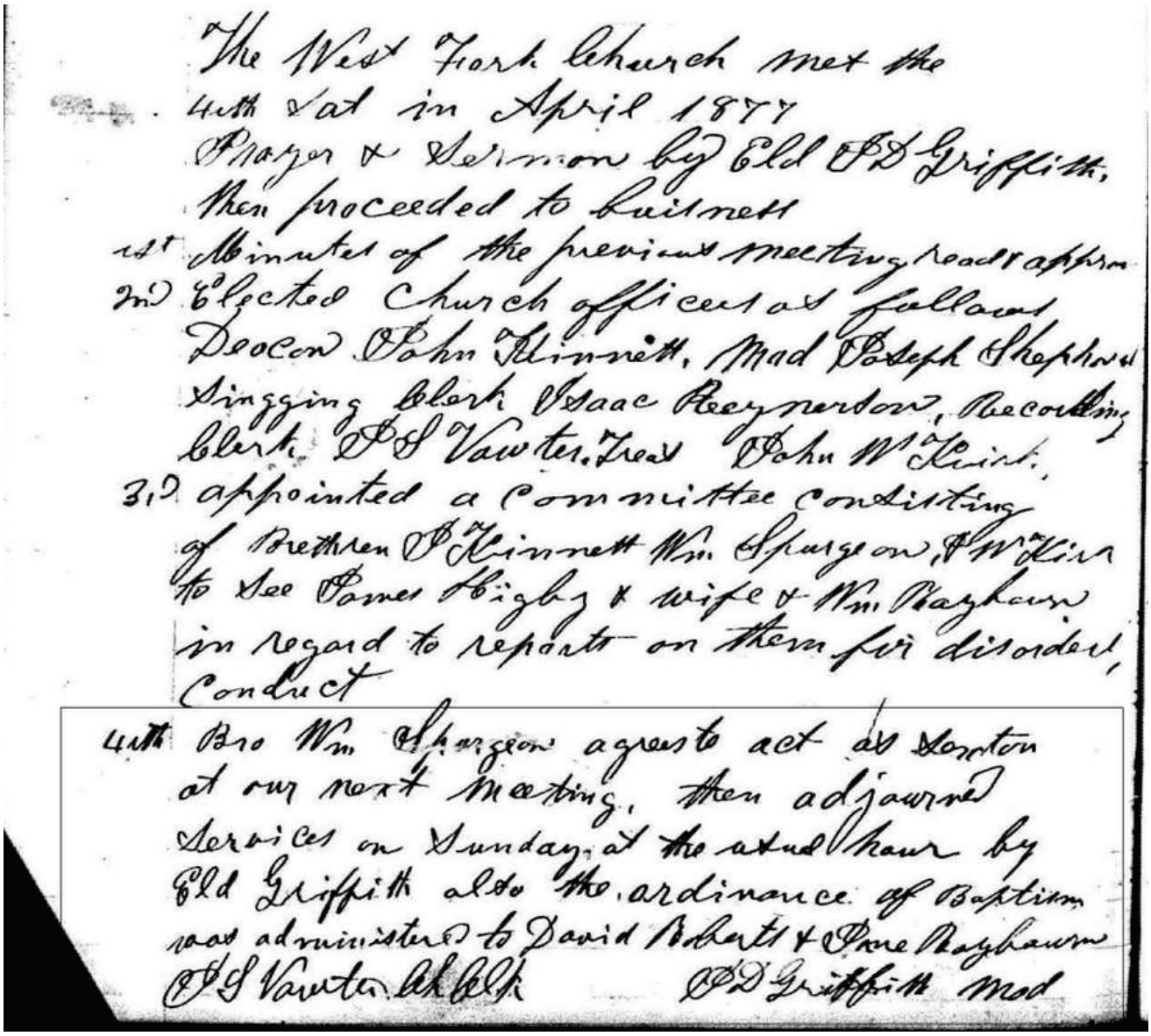
I claim credit for following amounts as per vouchers filed

1 Cash to D.K. Mitchell for supporting David Roberts $90.00
2 " " " " " " " " 21.93
3 By Claim of James W May " " " 33.35
4 " Cash to Wm Flinn for " " " 8.00
5 " " " TJ Tarasdal Lettering Monument & Misc ofdrs 4.00
6 " " " Henry Roberts in full commutation bequest 70.00
7 " " " Jno Schooley Taxes of 1880 7.90
8 " Claim of Admr for services 9.50
9 194.18

"Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9045/images/007663729_00346 : accessed 30 Nov 2021), Jefferson > Probate Order Book, Vol S, 1880-1881; Vol T, 1881-1882; Vol U, 1882-1882 > Image 346 of 684.

Figure 19.2

West Fork Baptist Church – David Roberts[19] Received into Membership

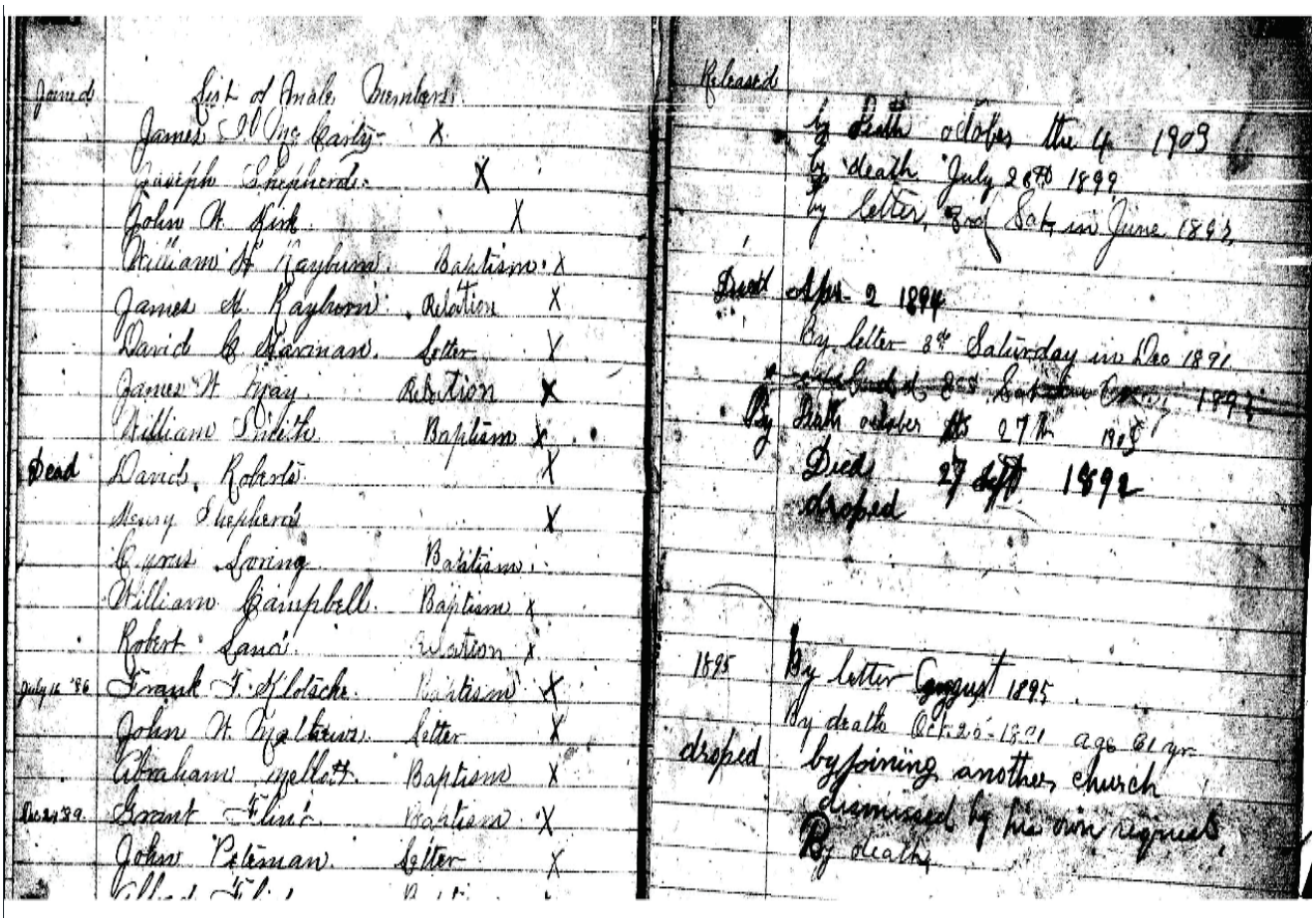


The West Fork Church met the
4th Sat in April 1877
Prayer & Sermon by Eld O D Griffith,
then proceeded to business
1st Minutes of the previous meeting read & approved
2nd Elected Church officers as follows
Deacon John Kinnett, Mod Joseph Shepherd
Singing Clerk Isaac Reynerson, Recording
Clerk D S Vawter. Treas John W. Kinnett,
3rd appointed a committee consisting
of Brethren J Kinnett Wm Spurgeon, J W Kinnett
to see Jane Bigby & wife & Wm Bayhawn
in regard to reports on them for disorderly
Conduct
4th Bro Wm Spurgeon agrees to act as Sexton
at our next Meeting. Then adjourned
Services on Sunday at the usual hour by
Eld Griffith also the ordinance of Baptism
was administered to David Roberts & Jane Bayhawn
D S Vawter Ch Clk O D Griffith Mod

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128. Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana.

Figure 19.3

West Fork Baptist Church – List of Male Members Dropped from Rolls



Joined	List of Male Members			Released
	James McCarty		X	by Letter 4th Saturday in October the 4 1903
	Joseph Shepherd		X	by death July 28th 1899
	John A. Sink		X	by Letter 3rd Sat in June 1893
	William H. Gayhorn	Baptism	X	
	James A. Gayhorn	Relation	X	Died Apr. 2 1894
	David L. Hannah	Letter	X	By Letter 3rd Saturday in Dec 1891
	James A. Gray	Relation	X	~~By Letter 3rd Sat in Dec. 1897~~
	William Dilts	Baptism	X	By Letter 4th 27th 1895
Dead	David Roberts		X	Died 27 Sept 1892
	Henry Shepherd		X	dropped
	Thomas Loring	Baptism		
	William Campbell	Baptism	X	
	Robert Land	Relation	X	
July 11 '96	Frank F. McClosky	Baptism	X	1895 By Letter August 1895
	John A. Galloway	Letter	X	By death Oct. 26-1901 age 81 yr.
	Abraham Mellott	Baptism	X	dropped by joining another church
Dec 29	Grant Flinn	Baptism	X	dismissed by his own request.
	John Peterman	Letter	X	By death
	William Tull			

"Indiana Church Records, West Fork Baptist 1904-1921 & 1826-1904," on microfilm, Reel #128, Jefferson County Public Library, Madison, Indiana. Location in church records suggests the list was produced sometime in 1891 and updated from time to time.

20. ELLA JANE (b. 7 Aug 1849, d. 7 Aug 1930)

Birth: 7 Aug 1849 in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: 2 Jun 1872 to James H. Kennedy in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 31 Mar 1841 in Indiana; d. 11 Nov 1875). No children.

Death: 7 Aug 1930 in Holton, Ripley County, Indiana.



Ella Jane (Roberts) Kennedy
From a photo album believed to have belonged to Ella Jane's brother, Jeremiah[16]. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

Ella Jane was the tenth child born to John S.[4] and Jane Salyers Roberts. According to her death certificate, she was born 7 Aug 1849 in Jefferson County, Indiana. Prior to her birth, the Roberts family was living in Switzerland County, Indiana, with the 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifying the following members of the Roberts household. Ella's father was engaged in agriculture.[1,2]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Ella's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, her parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[3,4,5]

About May 1847, Ella's Aunt Elizabeth[2] left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, and came to live with her parents pending her divorce. The 1860 census for Shelby Township shows that Ella had attended school during the past year; however, no school attendance is reflected in the 1870 census, so we do not know Ella's level of education.[6,7,8,9]

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[1] See Figure 20.7. Ella Jane Kennedy[20] Death Certificate.
[2] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[3] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[4] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[5] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.
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[7] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[8] See Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[9] See Figure 4.9. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

On 2 Jun 1872, Ella married James H. Kennedy in Jefferson County, Indiana. James' occupation was a tobacconist. Sadly, their marriage was very short as James passed away on 11 Nov 1875, apparently without having fathered any children. Ella never remarried and seems to have lived with family members the rest of her life. James may have owned a farm upon which he and Ella lived, as the 1880 census for Canaan, Jefferson County, Indiana, shows Ella as head of household with James' brother, Hiram Kennedy, also present. Hiram's occupation is "farm laborer," which could indicate he was taking care of the farm for Ella.[10,11,12,13]



James H. Kennedy
From the Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

By 1893, Ella had left her Jefferson County home and moved to Holton, Ripley County, Indiana, to live with brother, Jeremiah[16]. On 15 Oct of that year, a family reunion with most of Ella's living siblings was held at Jeremiah's home. In addition to Ella, the attendees included Sarah[13]; John[14] and wife, Elizabeth; Maranda[15] and her children James, Jesse, and Dora Francis Demaree; Jeremiah[16] and daughter, Stella; Edward[17] and wife, Mary Jane; and Henry[18]. Charles[12] was unable to attend.[14]

In 1900, we find Ella living with Jeremiah and niece, Stella, on Versailles Street in Holton. Ella's brother, Henry[18] was also in the home.[15]

Newspapers were the social media platforms of the era, especially in smaller towns and cities. Short articles about local citizens were often published, and such is the case with Ella. From one of these articles, we learn that in about Feb 1906, she suffered a fractured limb when a careless buggy rider hit her. She was bedridden, so her niece, Stella, who was living in Sheridan, Wyoming at the time with her husband, John Crew, came to Holton to help care for her. Stella returned home in Apr 1906 after Ella was able to ambulate on crutches.[16]

Ella continues to be found in her brother's home for the 1910 census, and it is certainly possible she remained living with Jeremiah[16] until his death in Nov 1918. Shortly after Jeremiah's death, his daughter and son-in-law, Stella and John Crew, returned to Holton since Stella was administrator of Jeremiah's estate – the probate of which took until at least Feb 1920. Stella and

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[10] Figure 20.1. Ella Jane Roberts[20] and James Kennedy Marriage Record.
[11] Figure 20.2. Excerpts of 1860 and 1870 United States Federal Census – Jefferson County, Indiana, showing James' occupation as tobacconist.
[12] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/74008368/james-h-kennedy : accessed 30 November 2021), memorial page for James H Kennedy (31 Mar 1841–11 Nov 1875), Find a Grave Memorial ID 74008368, citing Canaan Cemetery, Canaan, Jefferson County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by Allison (contributor 47469679).
[13] Figure 20.3. 1880 United States Federal Census – Canaan, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[14] See Figure 16.6. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Family Reunion (*The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 19 Oct 1893, pg. 8).
[15] See Figure 16.7. 1900 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[16] Figure 20.4. Newspaper Clippings – Ella Jane Kennedy[20] Accident.

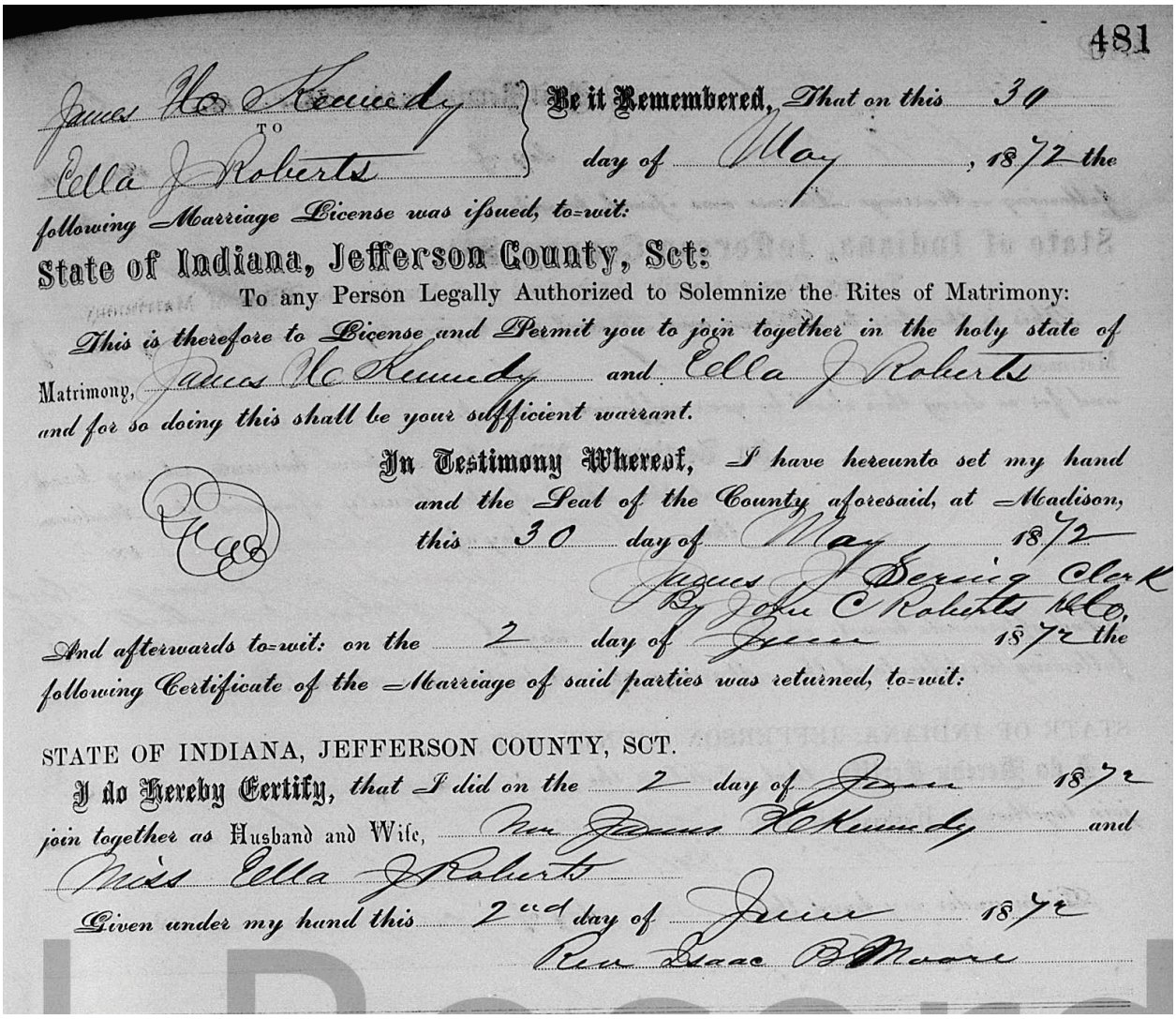
John are both identified in the 1920 census for Ripley County; however, Ella is not identified as present in their household, or in any other Ripley County census record for 1920. While her whereabouts are not positively known, she was likely in Ripley County and was somehow overlooked for the census. Ella is shown in the 1930 census as a resident of the Crew household.[17,18,19,20]

Ella passed away on her 81st birthday, 7 Aug 1930, of arteriosclerosis of three years duration. Her niece, Stella, was the informant on her death certificate. Burial took place at the Holton Cemetery in Holton, Indiana.[21,22]

[17] See Figure 16.8. 1910 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek Township, Ripley County, Indiana.
[18] See Figure 16.13. Newspaper Clipping – Jeremiah Roberts[16] Final Settlement (*Osgood (IN) Journal*, 14 Jan 1920, pg. 4).
[19] Figure 20.5. 1920 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek, Ripley County, Indiana for Stella and John Crew.
[20] Figure 20.6. 1930 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek, Ripley County, Indiana.
[21] Figure 20.7. Ella Jane Kennedy[20] Death Certificate.
[22] *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30077915/ella-jane-kennedy : accessed 30 November 2021), memorial page for Ella Jane *Roberts* Kennedy (7 Aug 1849–7 Aug 1930), Find a Grave Memorial ID 30077915, citing Holton Cemetery, Holton, Ripley County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by KDonley (contributor 46927786).

Figure 20.1

Ella Jane Roberts[20] and James Kennedy Marriage Record



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James H Kennedy } Be it Remembered, That on this 30
TO
Ella J Roberts } day of May, 1872 the
following Marriage License was issued, to-wit:

State of Indiana, Jefferson County, Sct:

To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony:

This is therefore to License and Permit you to join together in the holy state of Matrimony, James H Kennedy and Ella J Roberts and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the County aforesaid, at Madison, this 30 day of May 1872

James J Bering Clerk
By John C Roberts Dep.

And afterwards to-wit: on the 2 day of June 1872 the following Certificate of the Marriage of said parties was returned, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, JEFFERSON COUNTY, SCT.

I do Hereby Certify, that I did on the 2 day of June 1872 join together as Husband and Wife, Rev James H Kennedy and Miss Ella J Roberts

Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1872

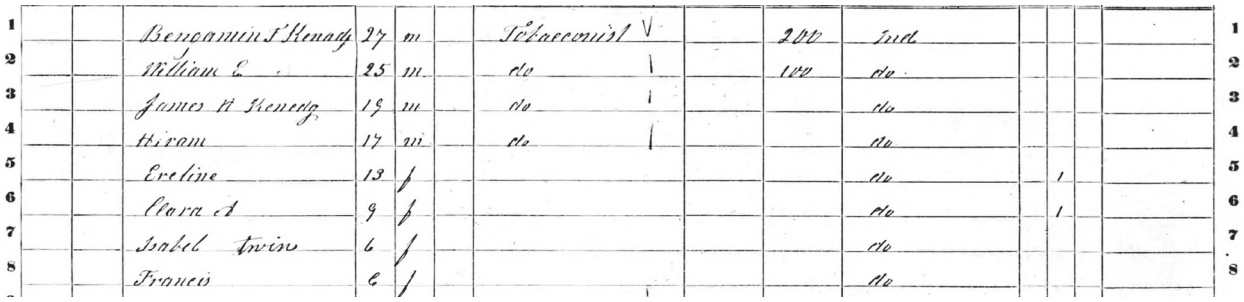
Rev Isaac B Moore

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-HLSZ-XY?i=275&cc=1410397 : accessed 1 Dec 2021), Jefferson > 1873-1878 > Image 276 of 649.

Figure 20.2

Excerpts of 1860 and 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana

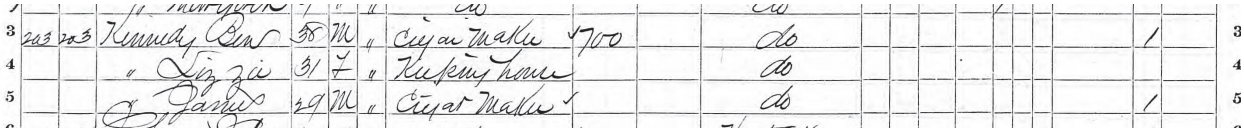
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2			William C	25	m		do			100	do				2
3			James H Kenedy	19	m		do				do				3
4			Hiram	17	m		do				do				4
5			Eveline	13	f						do		1		5
6			Clara A	9	f						do		1		6
7			Isabel twin	6	f						do				7
8			Francis	6	f						do				8

"1860 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4215037_00117?pId=8649678 : accessed 1 Dec 2021), Indiana > Jefferson > Shelby > Image 21 of 41.

1870

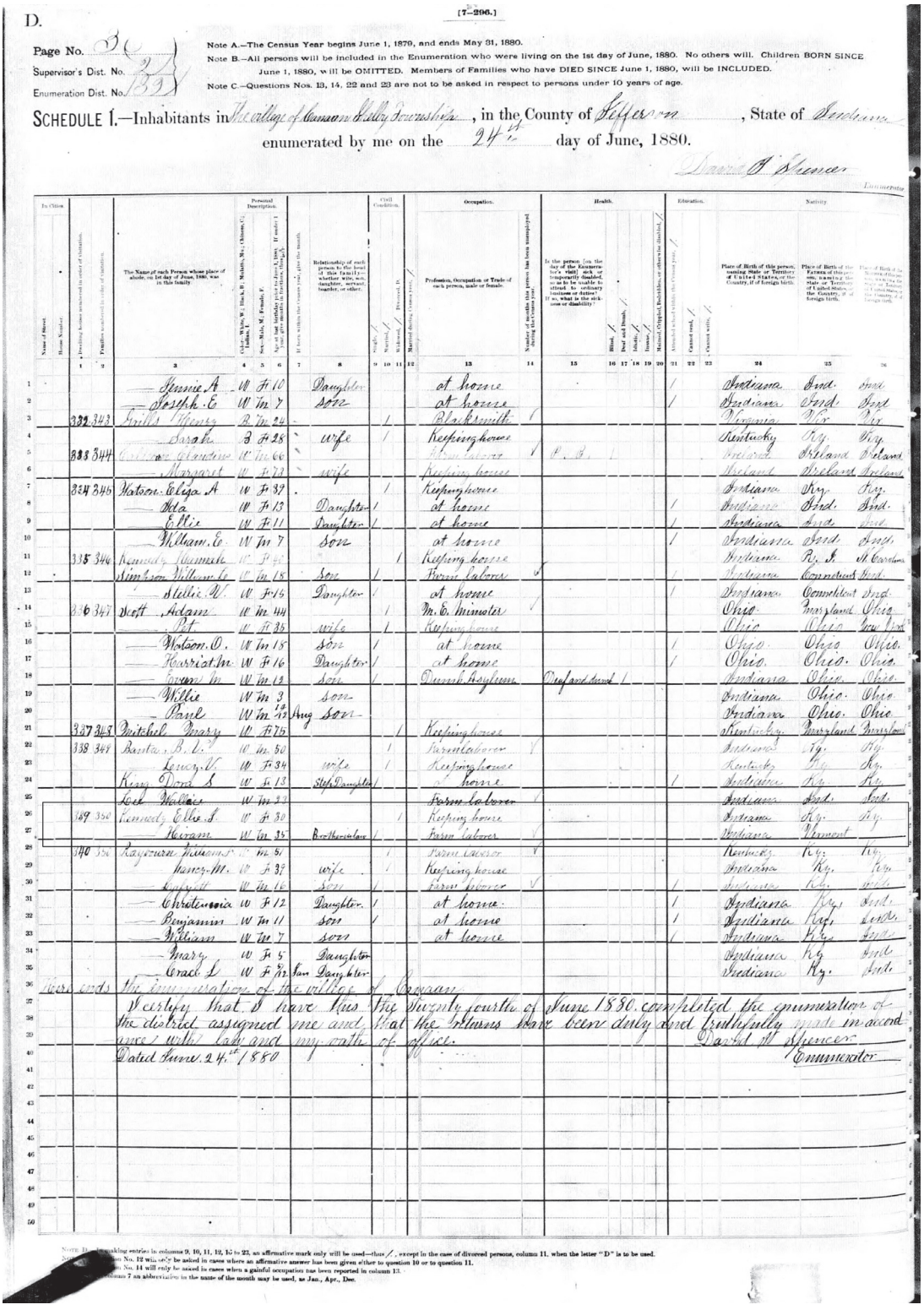


3	203	203	Kennedy Ben	58	M	"	Cigar Maker	700		do					1		3
4			" Lizzie	31	F	"	Keeping house			do							4
5			" James	29	M	"	Cigar Maker			do					1		5

"1870 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4263400_00710?pId=20538727 : accessed 1 Dec 2021), Indiana > Jefferson > Shelby > Image 29 of 48.

Figure 20.3

1880 United States Federal Census – Canaan, Jefferson County, Indiana



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Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 132

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the village of Canaan Kelly Township, in the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 24th day of June, 1880.

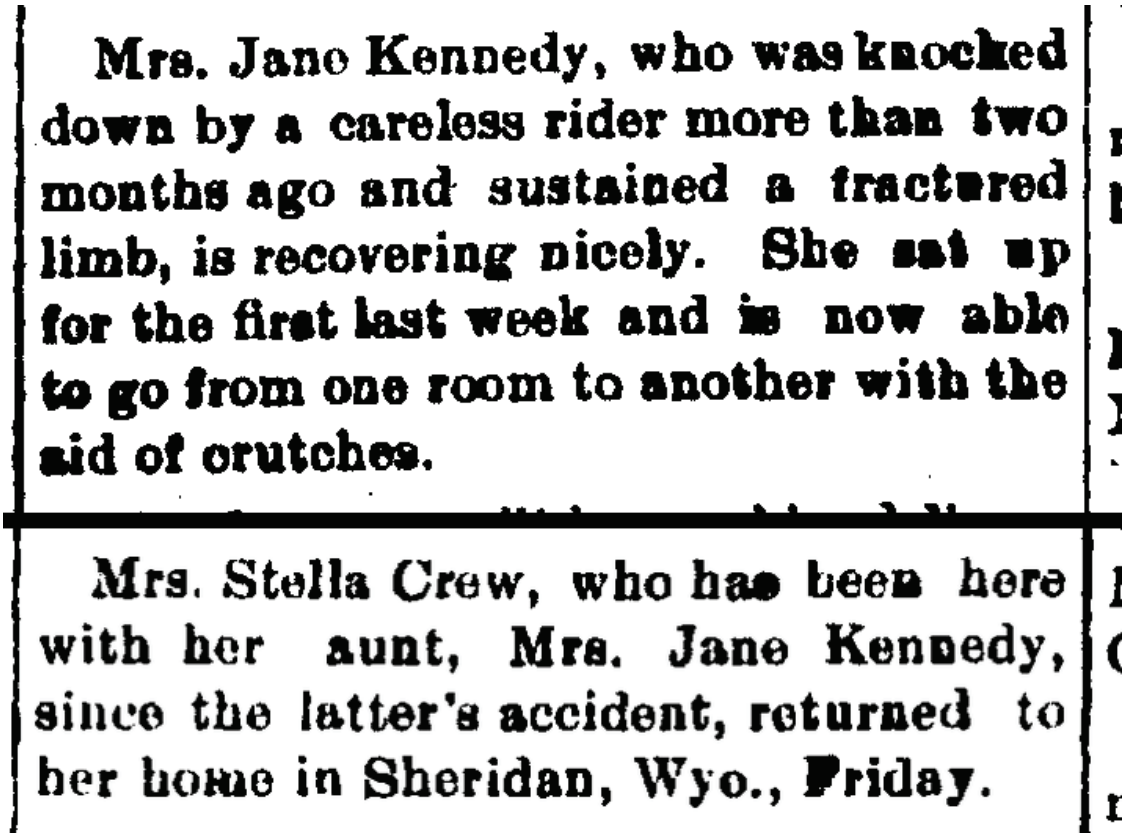
David W Spencer
Enumerator

In Office	Name of Street	House Number	Dwelling-houses numbered in order of visitation	Families numbered in order of visitation	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family	Personal Description: Color, White, W; Black, B; Mulatto, Mu; Chinese, Ch; Indian, I	Sex, Male, M; Female, F	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus (⅔)	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Civil Condition: Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced.	Occupation: Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health: Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind	Deaf and Dumb	Idiotic	Insane	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled	Education: Attended school within the Census year	Cannot read	Cannot write	Nativity: Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the FATHER of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the MOTHER of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
1					Jennie A	W	F	10	Daughter						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.
2					Joseph E	W	M	7	Son						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.
3			332	343	Grills Tilmore	B	M	24							Blacksmith										Virginia	Va.	Va.
4					Sarah	B	F	28	wife						Keeping house										Kentucky	Ky.	Ky.
5			333	344	Gardner Clarissa	W	F	66							At home										Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
6					Margaret	W	F	72	wife						Keeping house										Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
7			334	345	Watson Eliza A	W	F	39							Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.
8					Ida	W	F	13	Daughter						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.
9					Ellie	W	F	11	Daughter						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.
10					William E	W	M	7	Son						at home										Indiana	Ind.	Ind.
11			335	346	Kennedy Thomas	W	M	40							Keeping house										Indiana	R. I.	N. Carolina
12					Simpson William L	W	M	18	Son						Farm Laborer										Indiana	Connecticut	Ind.
13					Stella R	W	F	16	Daughter						at home										Indiana	Connecticut	Ind.
14			336	347	Scott Adam	W	M	44							M. E. Minister										Ohio	Maryland	Ohio
15					Pet	W	F	36	wife						Keeping house										Ohio	Ohio	New York
16					Watson O.	W	M	18	Son						at home										Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
17					Harriet M	W	F	16	Daughter						at home										Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
18					Owen M	W	M	13	Son						Dumb Asylum		Deaf and dumb								Indiana	Ohio	Ohio
19					Willie	W	M	3	Son																Indiana	Ohio	Ohio
20					Paul	W	M	1	Son	Aug															Indiana	Ohio	Ohio
21			337	348	Mitchell Mary	W	F	75							Keeping house										Kentucky	Maryland	Maryland
22			338	349	Banta B. L.	W	M	50							Farm Laborer										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.
23					Lucy V	W	F	34	wife						Keeping house										Kentucky	Ky.	Ky.
24					Kirby Dora S	W	F	13	Step Daughter						at home										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.
25					~~Lee Wallace~~	~~W~~	~~M~~	~~32~~							~~Farm Laborer~~										~~Indiana~~	~~Ind.~~	~~Ind.~~
26			339	350	Kennedy Ellis L	W	F	30							Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.
27					Hiram	W	M	35	Brother in law						Farm Laborer										Indiana	Vermont	
28			340	351	Rayburn Williams	B	M	51							Farm Laborer										Kentucky	Ky.	Ky.
29					Nancy M	W	F	39	wife						Keeping house										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.
30					Lafayette	W	M	16	Son						Farm Laborer										Indiana	Ky.	Ky.
31					Christenecia	W	F	12	Daughter						at home										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.
32					Benjamin	W	M	11	Son						at home										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.
33					William	W	M	7	Son						at home										Indiana	Ky.	Ind.
34					Mary	W	F	5	Daughter																Indiana	Ky.	Ind.
35					Grace L	W	F	2	Daughter																Indiana	Ky.	Ind.
36	Years	Months	The	enumeration	of the	village	of	Canaan																				
37			I certify that I have		this				The	Twenty fourth	of	June	1880.	completed	the	enumeration	of										
38			the district assigned		me and				that	the	returns	have	been	duly	and	truthfully	made	in	accord								
39			ance with law and		my	oath	of	office.												David W Spencer								
40			Dated June 24th 1880																	Enumerator								

"1880 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240599-00186?pId=27558717 : accessed 1 Dec 2021), Indiana > Jefferson > Canaan > 132 > Image 2 of 2.

Figure 20.4

Ella Jane Kennedy[20] Accident



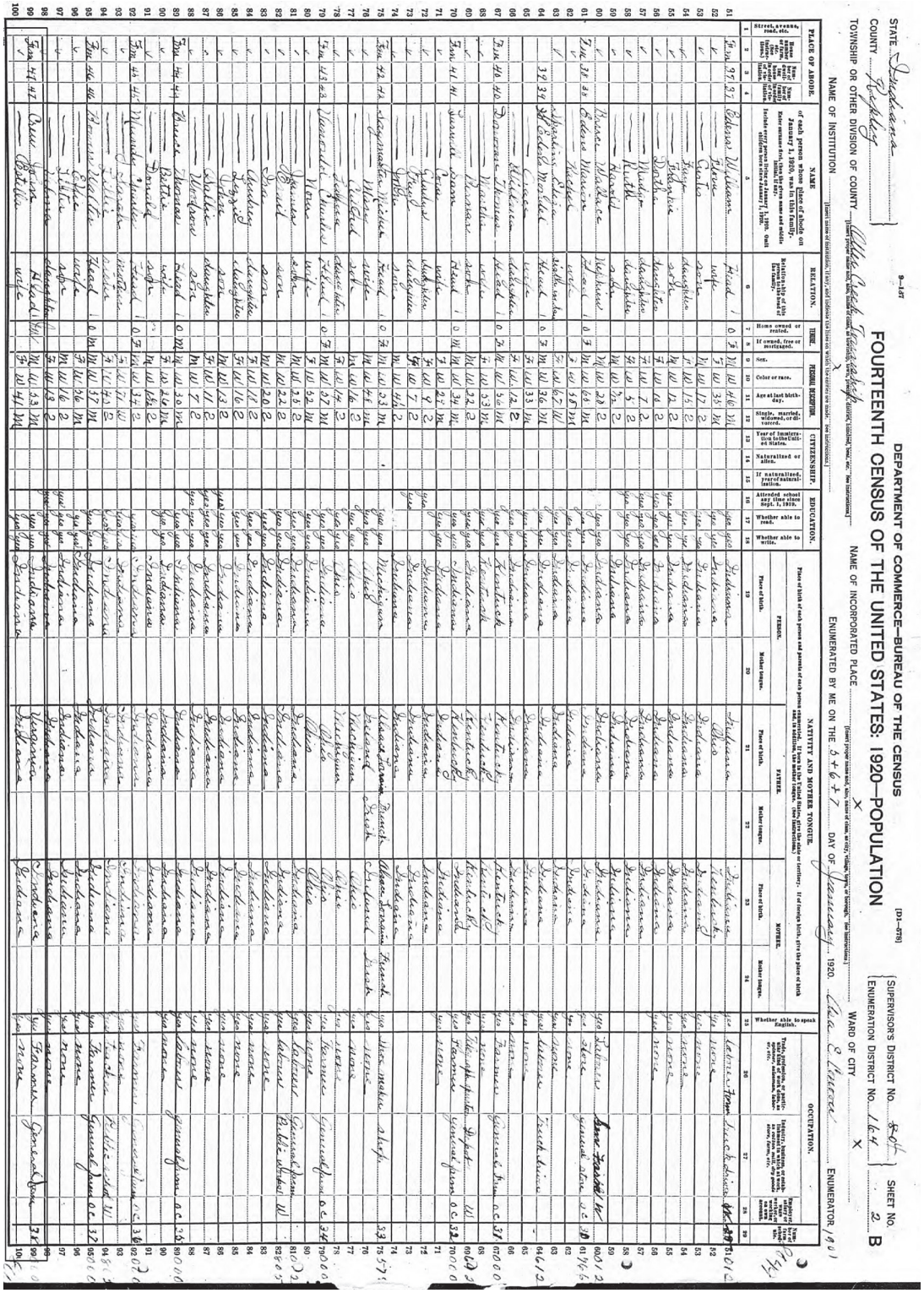
Mrs. Jane Kennedy, who was knocked down by a careless rider more than two months ago and sustained a fractured limb, is recovering nicely. She sat up for the first last week and is now able to go from one room to another with the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Stella Crew, who has been here with her aunt, Mrs. Jane Kennedy, since the latter's accident, returned to her home in Sheridan, Wyo., Friday.

Top: *The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN). 11 Apr 1906.
Bottom: *The Ripley Journal* (Osgood, IN), 25 Apr 1906.
(both from newspaperarchive.com)

Figure 20.5

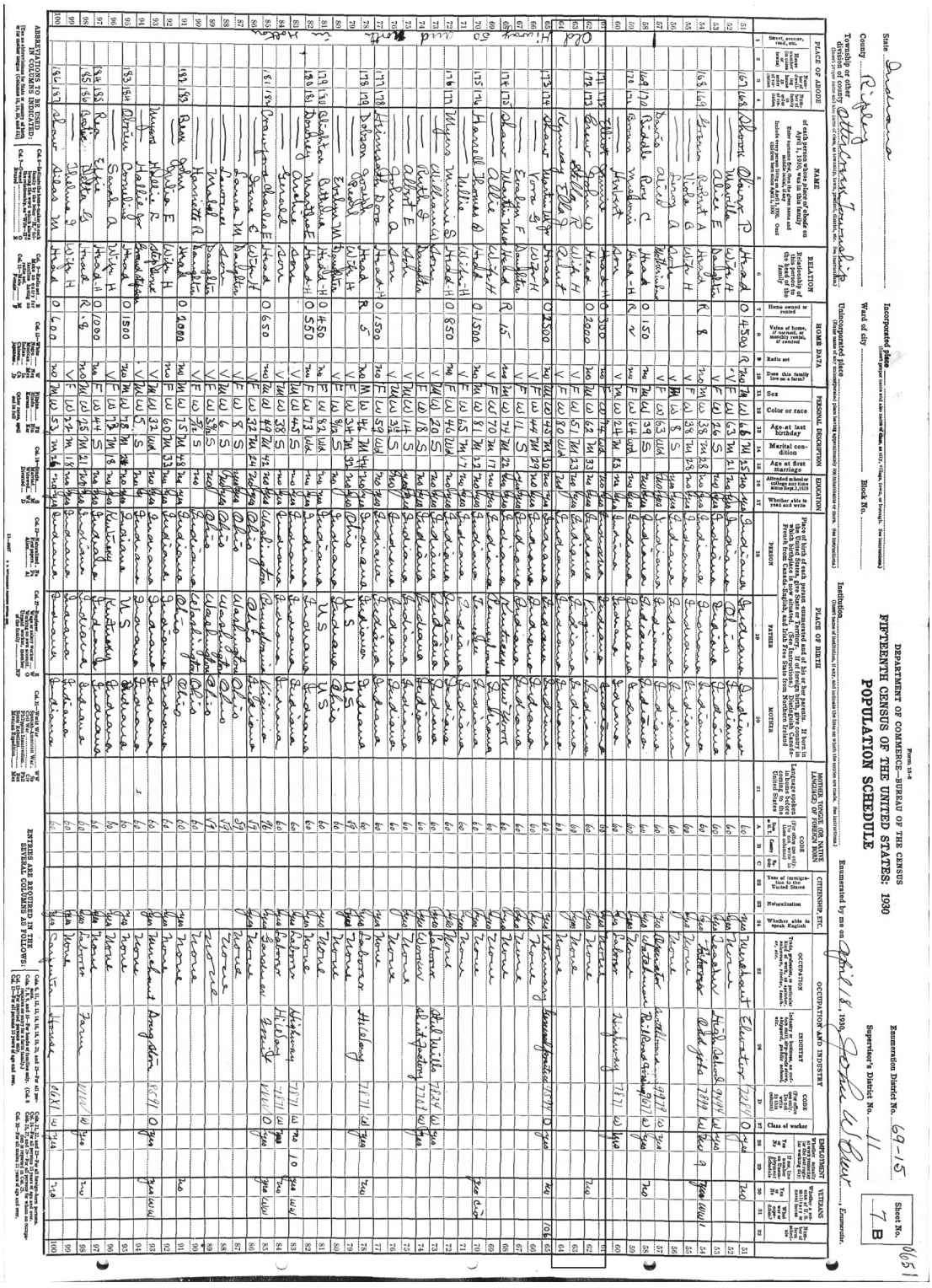
1920 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek, Ripley County, Indiana



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Figure 20.6

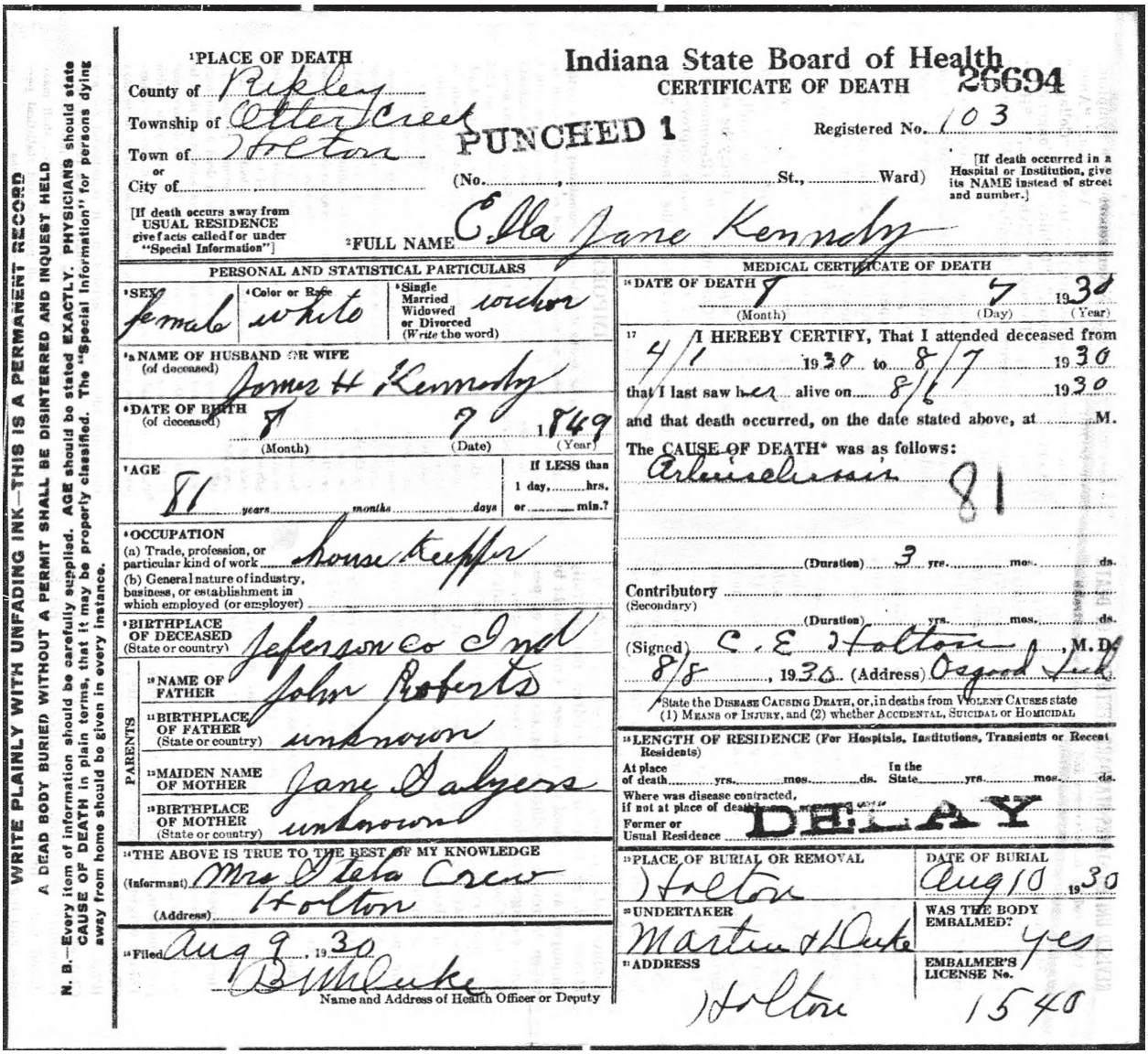
1930 United States Federal Census – Otter Creek, Ripley County, Indiana



"1930 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4584368_00195?pId=115714683 : accessed 1 Dec 2021), Indiana > Ripley > Otter Creek > District 0015 > Image 14 of 25.

Figure 20.7

Ella Jane Kennedy[20] Death Certificate



WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
A DEAD BODY BURIED WITHOUT A PERMIT SHALL BE DISINTERRED AND INQUEST HELD
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

[1] PLACE OF DEATH
County of Ripley
Township of Otter Creek
Town of Holton
or City of
[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information"]

Indiana State Board of Health
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 26694
PUNCHED 1
Registered No. 103
(No. , St., Ward)
[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

[2] FULL NAME Ella Jane Kennedy

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

[3] SEX female | [4] Color or Race white | [5] Single Married Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) widow

[6a] NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE (of deceased) James H Kennedy

[6] DATE OF BIRTH (of deceased) 8 (Month) 7 (Date) 1849 (Year)

[7] AGE 81 years months days | If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

[8] OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work housekeeper
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

[9] BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED (State or country) Jefferson Co Ind

PARENTS
[10] NAME OF FATHER John Roberts
[11] BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) unknown
[12] MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jane Dalyess
[13] BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) unknown

[14] THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Mrs Stella Crew
(Address) Holton

[15] Filed Aug 9, 1930
Bill Luke
Name and Address of Health Officer or Deputy

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

[16] DATE OF DEATH 8 (Month) 7 (Day) 1930 (Year)

[17] I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 4/1 1930 to 8/7 1930
that I last saw her alive on 8/6 1930
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Arteriosclerosis 81
(Duration) 3 yrs. mos. ds.
Contributory (Secondary)
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) C. E. Holton M. D.
8/8, 1930 (Address) Osgood Ind.
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL

[18] LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. | In the State yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or Usual Residence DELAY

[19] PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Holton | DATE OF BURIAL Aug 10 1930
[20] UNDERTAKER Martin & Duke | WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? yes
[21] ADDRESS Holton | EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 1540

"Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_351266-02696?pId=4154304 : accessed 1 Dec 2021), Certificate > 1930 > 09 > Image 2697 of 3397.

21. QUINTILLA A. (b. 22 Dec 1852, d. 6 Feb 1887)

Birth: 22 Dec 1852 in Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

Marriage & children: 31 Oct 1877 to Daniel K. Mitchell in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 4 Apr 1855 in Jefferson County, Indiana; d. 12 Aug 1928 in Monroe, Jefferson County, Indiana).

- Walter Roberts Mitchell
  - b. 7 Oct 1880 in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - m. 17 Feb 1901 to Hannah Florence Herring in Jefferson County, Indiana (b. 28 Oct 1881 in Indiana; d. 23 Nov 1957 in Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana).
  - d. 12 May 1938 in Johnson County, Indiana.
- Alta Mitchell
  - b. 9 Nov 1886, probably in Jefferson County, Indiana.
  - d. 13 Dec 1886, probably in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Death: 6 Feb 1887 in Ripley County, Indiana.

Quintilla ("Quin") was the eleventh and last child born to John S.[4] and Jane Salyers Roberts large family. According to her headstone, she was born 22 Dec 1852, likely in Jefferson County, Indiana as that is where the family was living at the time of her birth. Prior to her birth, her parents and older siblings were living in Switzerland County, Indiana, with the 1840 census for Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana identifying the following members of the Roberts household. Quin's father was engaged in agriculture.[1,2]

- Male < 5 – 2 [Jeremiah[16], Edward[17]]
- Male 5 to < 10 – 1 [John[14]]
- Male 10 to < 15 – 2 [William[11], Charles[12]]
- Male 30 to < 40 – 1 [John S.[4]]
- Female 5 to < 10 – 2 [Sarah[13], Maranda[15]]
- Female 30 to < 40 – 1 [Jane]

The family moved to Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana (the next county and township west of Pleasant Township) abt. 1842 where Quin's father had purchased 91 acres of land in portions of Section 1, T5N, R10E and Section 6, T5N, R11E. During the West Fork Baptist Church (WFBC) meeting held between 13 and 18 Aug 1842, her parents were accepted into the church by letter. The church is located less than a mile north of the family farm.[3,4,5]

As with the other Roberts children, Quin grew up on the Jefferson County farm, probably helping around the house with various chores. The 1860 census for Shelby Township shows that

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[1] Figure 21.1. Quintilla Mitchell[21] Headstone.
[2] See Figure 4.3. 1840 United States Federal Census – Pleasant Township, Switzerland County, Indiana.
[3] See Figure 4.4. Newspaper Clipping – Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Estate (*Madison (IN) Weekly Herald*, 19 Nov 1879, pg. 2).
[4] See Figure 4.5. John S. Roberts[4] Jefferson County, Indiana Property.
[5] See Figure 4.6. West Fork Baptist Church – John[4] & Jane Roberts Received into Membership.

Quin had attended school during the past year; however, no school attendance is reflected in the 1870 census, so we do not know her level of education.[6,7,8]

Quin married Daniel K. Mitchell in Jefferson County, Indiana on 13 Oct 1877. They were married by Robert Stevenson, who frequently pastored WFBC; however, he was not pastoring the church at this time. Together, they had two children, son Walter Roberts Mitchell on 7 Oct 1880 and daughter Alta on 9 Nov 1886 who, sadly, passed away on 13 Dec 1886 when just a month old. We do not know the reason for Alta's death, but complications during birth or a severe birth defect are probable causes. Daniel was a farmer, according to census records. With Quin's father's death in Dec 1875, it appears her brother, David[19] came to live in the Mitchell home, as he is reflected in their Shelby Township household for the 1880 census.[9,10,11,12]



Walter Roberts Mitchell, ca. 1885
From a photo album believed to have belonged to Jeremiah Roberts[16]. See Chapter 7 – Jeremiah Roberts Photo Album.

Less than two months after Alta's death, Quin passed away on 6 Feb 1887 "after a lingering illness of about four months." One must wonder if Quin's death was related to Alta's in some way. Funeral services were held at the West Fork Baptist Church in Ripley County, Indiana on 7 Feb 1887 by Rev. Pelsor with a large congregation present. She was buried the same day at the West Fork Baptist Cemetery.[13]

[6] See Figure 4.7. 1850 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana. Elizabeth Cole reflected in the census is Quin's Aunt Elizabeth Cole[2], who left her abusive husband, Jesse Cole, in May 1847 and came to live with her parents pending her divorce (see Figure 2.5).
[7] See Figure 4.8. 1860 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[8] See Figure 4.9. 1870 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[9] Figure 21.2. Quintilla A. Roberts[21] and Daniel K Mitchell Marriage Record.
[10] Figure 21.3. Walter Roberts Mitchell Death Certificate.
[11] Figure 21.4. Alta Mitchell Headstone.
[12] Figure 21.5. 1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.
[13] Figure 21.6. Quintilla Mitchell[21] Obituary.

Figure 21.1

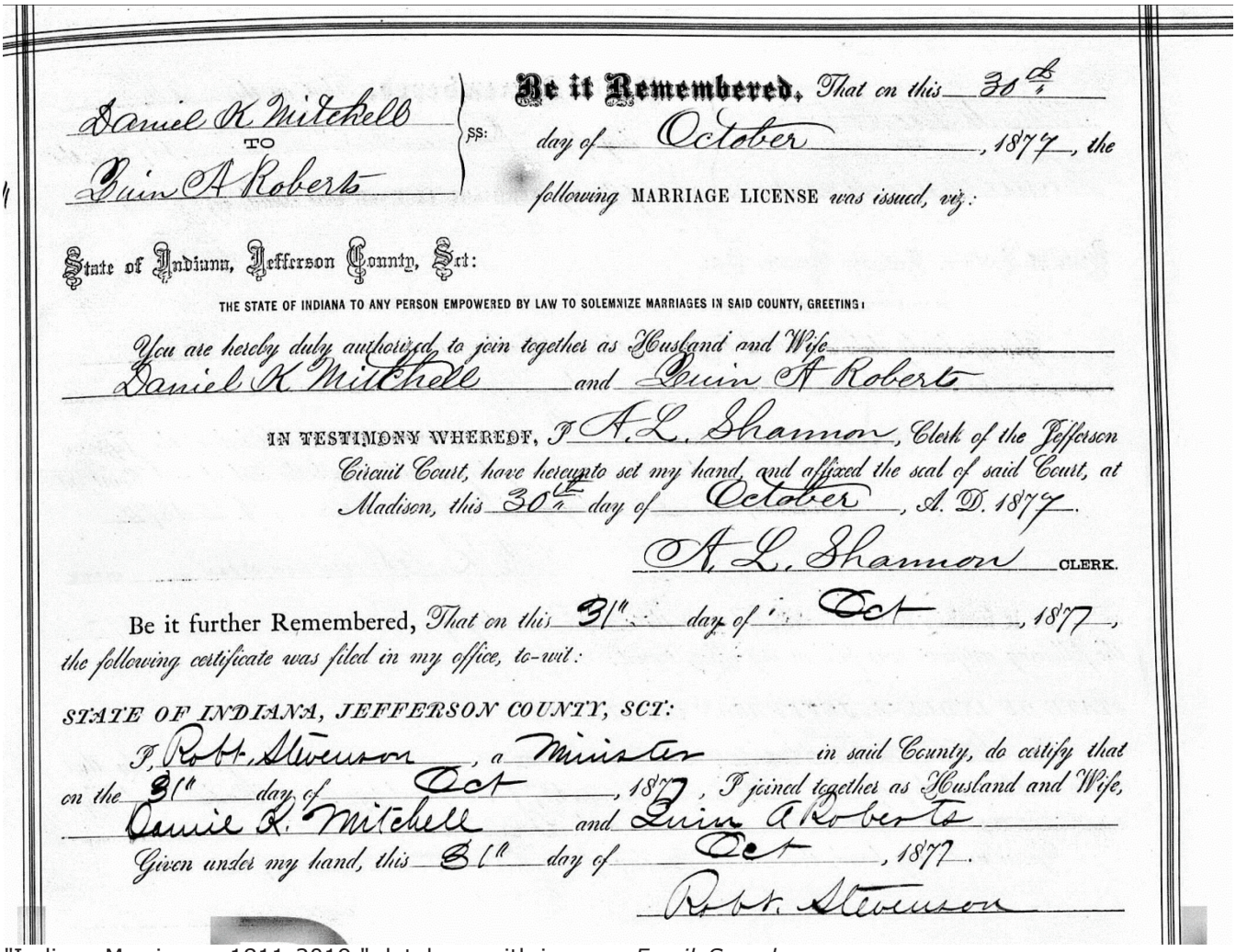
Quintilla Mitchell[21] Headstone



Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60134687/quintilla-a-mitchell : accessed 03 December 2021), memorial page for Quintilla A Roberts Mitchell (22 Dec 1852–6 Feb 1887), Find a Grave Memorial ID 60134687, citing West Fork Cemetery, Rexville, Ripley County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by JRoberts (contributor 48769167). Photo added 1 Oct 2017 by JCH1984 (contributor 48458575).

Figure 21.2

Quintilla A. Roberts[21] and Daniel K Mitchell Marriage Record



Daniel K Mitchell
TO
Quin A Roberts

ss:

Be it Remembered. That on this 30th day of October, 1877, the following MARRIAGE LICENSE was issued, viz:

State of Indiana, Jefferson County, Sct:

THE STATE OF INDIANA TO ANY PERSON EMPOWERED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES IN SAID COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby duly authorized to join together as Husband and Wife Daniel K Mitchell and Quin A Roberts.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I A. L. Shannon, Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, at Madison, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1877.

A. L. Shannon CLERK.

Be it further Remembered, That on this 31st day of Oct, 1877, the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, JEFFERSON COUNTY, SCT:

I, Robt. Stevenson, a Minister in said County, do certify that on the 31st day of Oct, 1877, I joined together as Husband and Wife, Daniel K. Mitchell and Quin A Roberts.

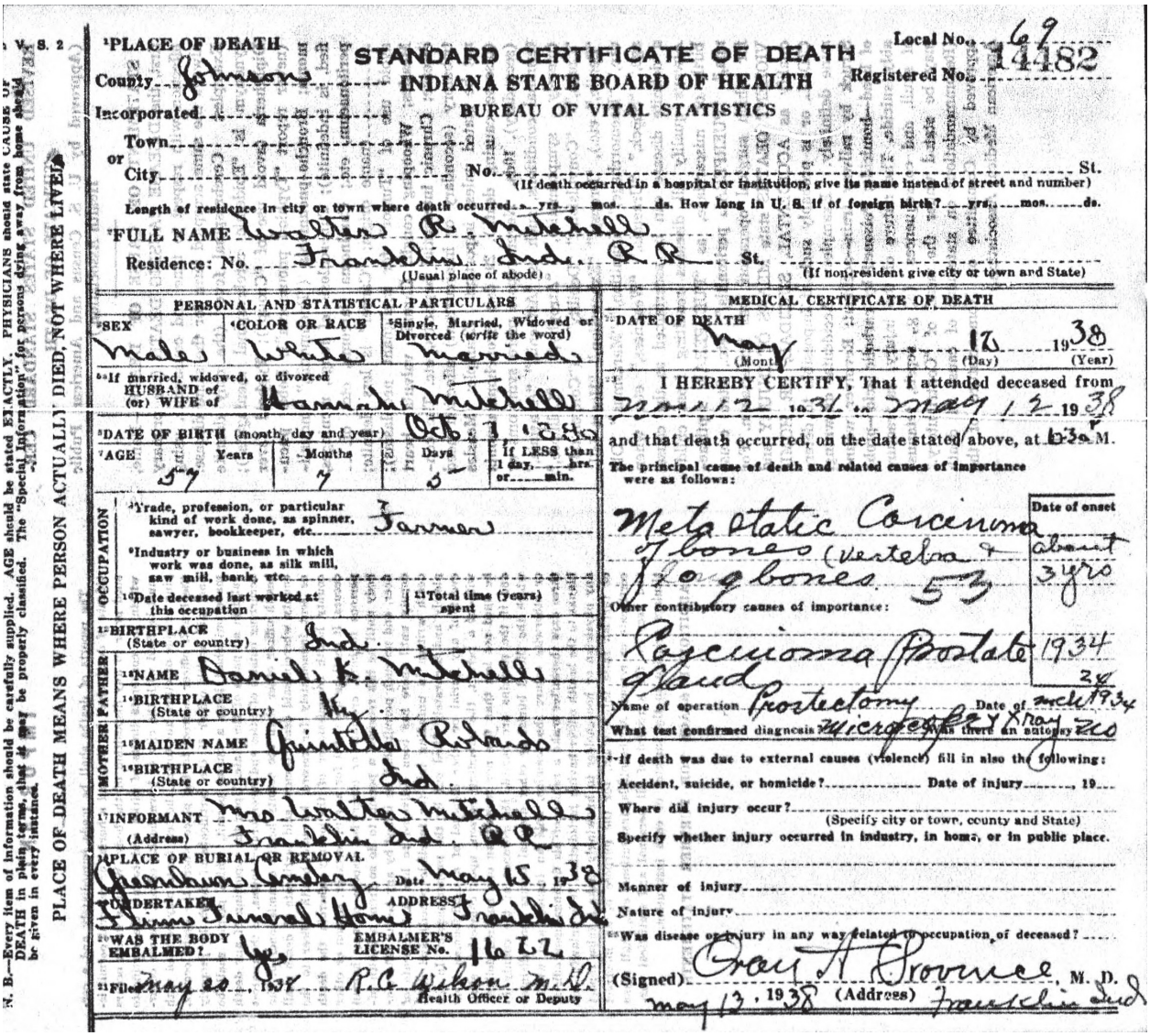
Given under my hand, this 31st day of Oct, 1877.

Robt. Stevenson

"Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019," database with images, *FamilySearch*, (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-HLS4-GF?i=626&cc=1410397 : accessed 3 Dec 2021), Jefferson > 1873-1878 > Image 627 of 649.

Figure 21.3

Walter Roberts Mitchell Death Certificate



STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Local No. 69
Registered No. 14482

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Johnson
Incorporated
Town
or City
No. St.
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

2 FULL NAME Walter R. Mitchell
Residence: No. Franklin Ind. R R St.
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX: Male
4 COLOR OR RACE: White
5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word): Married
6a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of: Hannah Mitchell
6b DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year): Oct 3 1858
7 AGE: Years 79 Months 7 Days 0 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION
8a Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.: Farmer
8b Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.
9 Date deceased last worked at this occupation
10 Total time (years) spent

11 BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Ind.

FATHER
12 NAME: Daniel K. Mitchell
13 BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Ky.

MOTHER
14 MAIDEN NAME: Christina Richards
15 BIRTHPLACE (State or country): Ind.

16 INFORMANT: Mrs Walter Mitchell
(Address): Franklin Ind. R R

17 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Greenlawn Cemetery Date: May 15 1938
18 UNDERTAKER: Simms Funeral Home ADDRESS: Franklin Ind.
19 WAS THE BODY EMBALMED? Yes EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. 1622
20 Filed May 20 1938 R C Wilson M D Health Officer or Deputy

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21 DATE OF DEATH: May (Month) 17 (Day) 1938 (Year)
22 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from May 12 1931 to May 17 1938
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:30 P. M.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

Metastatic Carcinoma of bones (Vertebra + long bones) 5 yrs — Date of onset about 3 yrs ago
Other contributory causes of importance:
Cancer of Prostate gland — Date of onset 1934
Name of operation Prostectomy Date of March 1934
What test confirmed diagnosis? Microscopic & X Ray Was there an autopsy? No
If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? Date of injury 19
Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, county and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.
Manner of injury
Nature of injury
Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?

(Signed) Grant A Browning M. D.
May 17, 1938 (Address) Franklin Ind

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSES OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

PLACE OF DEATH MEANS WHERE PERSON ACTUALLY DIED, NOT WHERE LIVED.

"Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/45232_356139-02995?pId=555405 : accessed 3 Dec 2021), Certificate > 1938 > 05 > Image 2996 of 3013.

Figure 21.4

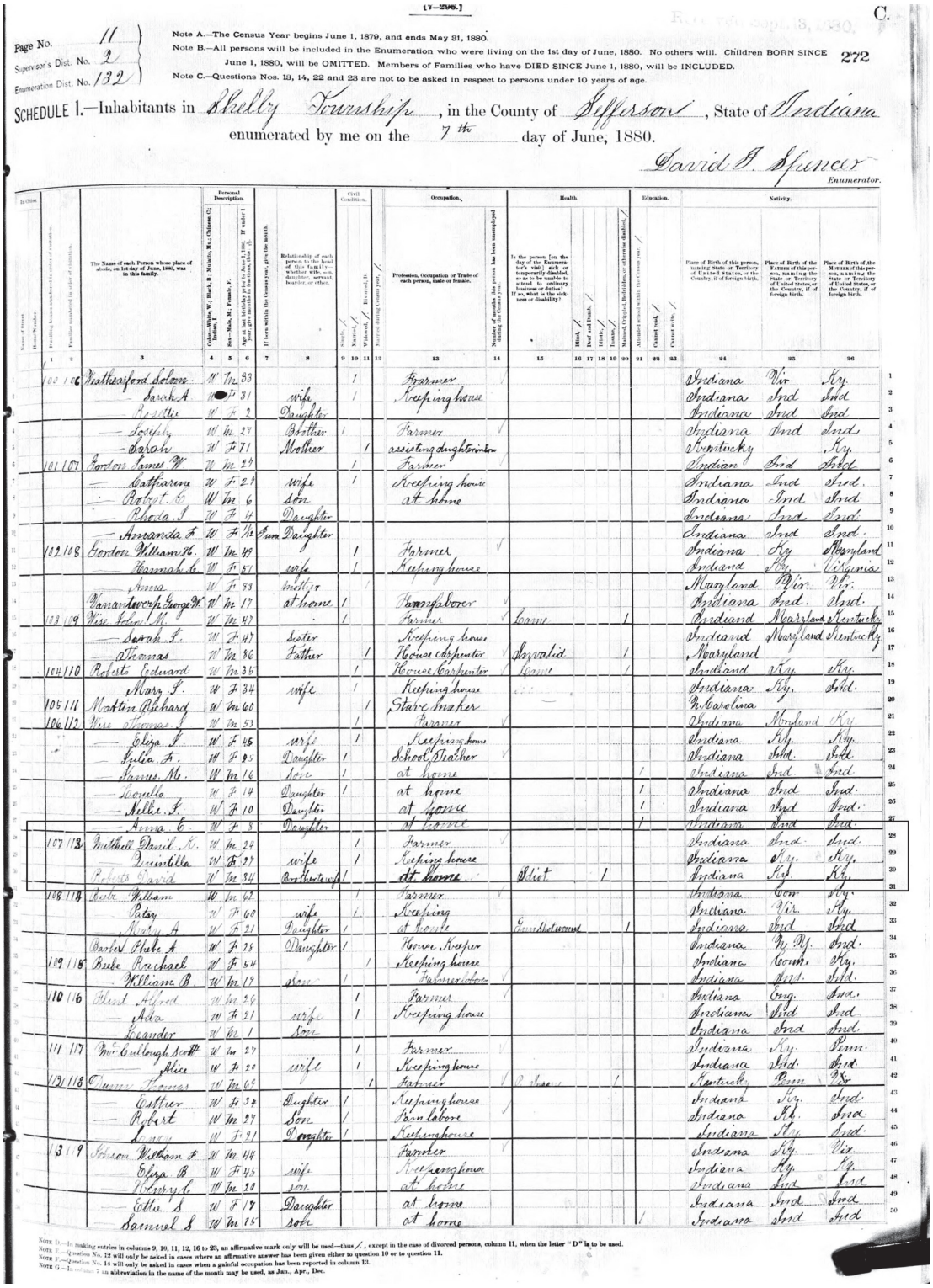
Alta Mitchell Headstone



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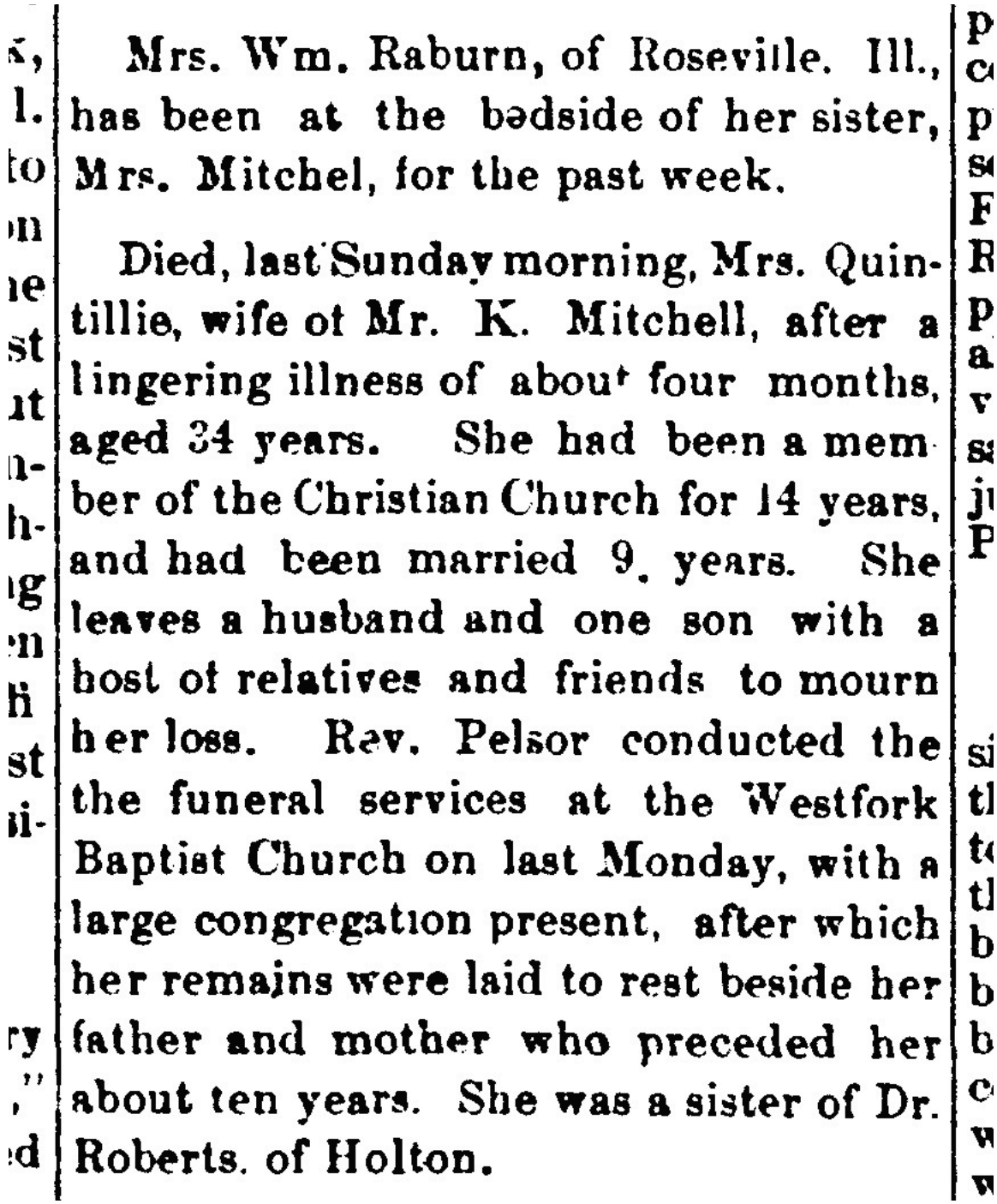
1880 United States Federal Census – Shelby Township, Jefferson County, Indiana



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Figure 21.6

Quintilla Mitchell[21] Obituary



Mrs. Wm. Raburn, of Roseville. Ill., has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Mitchel, for the past week.

Died, last Sunday morning, Mrs. Quintillie, wife of Mr. K. Mitchell, after a lingering illness of about four months, aged 34 years. She had been a member of the Christian Church for 14 years, and had been married 9 years. She leaves a husband and one son with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Rev. Pelsor conducted the the funeral services at the Westfork Baptist Church on last Monday, with a large congregation present, after which her remains were laid to rest beside her father and mother who preceded her about ten years. She was a sister of Dr. Roberts. of Holton.

Versailles (IN) Republican, 10 Feb 1887, pg. 4 (newspaperarchive.com)

Know all men by these presents that we Edward Robbard & Charles Steward are held and firmly bound unto Lewis Garrard Esqr Governor of this Commonwealth & his successors in the sum of fifty pounds to which payment well & truly to be made to the said Governor his successors we bind ourselves our heirs Exrs & Admrs jointly severally & firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 25th day of Feby 1800

The Condition of the above is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound Edwd Robbard & Rosey Steward if therefore there be no lawfull cause to obstruct the same then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Sealed & delivered in presence of
Wallace

Edward Robbard
Charles Steward

February 24th 1800 Clarke County

Sir please to Give us a marrg Licens for Edward Robbard and Rosey Steward and you will oblige your humble servt

Charles Steward Rosey + Steward
her mark

To Mr Cullok Clerck